



Phoenix Police Department
Public Affairs Bureau
100 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85003



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: August 14, 2026
Incident: 2026-1084831
Location: 43rd Avenue and Hubble Street
Victim: Tumusifu Bazirake, 19-year-old male, deceased

UPDATE: This case is now being investigated as a homicide. On Thursday August 13th, 2026, investigators were notified that Bazirake succumbed to his injuries. His remains were turned over to the Office of Medical Examiner and cause of death is pending an autopsy.

The suspects involved in this homicide are still unidentified and outstanding. Anyone with information is asked to call the Phoenix Police Department or Silent Witness at 480-WITNESS/ 480-TESTIGO (Spanish).

HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION

ORIGINAL INFO: (August 6, 2026) On August 6th, 2026, at approximately 8:02 pm officers received a call of an unresponsive 19-year-old man in a field near 43rd Avenue and Hubble Street. When officers arrived, they learned that the 19-year-old was involved in a soccer game when a fight broke out. During the fight several suspects assaulted the victim before running away. The Phoenix Fire Department responded to the scene and transported the 19-year-old to the hospital in extremely critical condition.

Detectives from the Violent Crimes Bureau responded to the scene to assume the investigation. This is an active investigation. Anyone with information is asked to call the Phoenix Police Department or Silent Witness at 480-WITNESS/ 480-TESTIGO (Spanish).

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