



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



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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**Date/Time:** January 6, 2026, at about 12:19 p.m.  
**Incident:** 2026-25628  
**Location:** 2900 East Wier Avenue  
**Victim:** Toddler Being treated at a local Hospital  
**Suspect:** Joanna Chalup Cortez, 29-year-old, MCSO Booking #G228491

**UPDATE: January 7, 2026**

After working this case non-stop, Phoenix Police Officers contacted the suspect, identified as 29-year-old Joanna Chalup Cortez. Officers arranged for Chalup Cortez to surrender which occurred on January 7, 2026. Chalup Cortez was booked on multiple charges related to this investigation to include aggravated assault and discharging a firearm at a residence. This remains an active investigation, however detectives do not believe that there are any additional suspects in this shooting.

*Sergeant Rob Scherer*  
*Public Affairs Bureau*

### **Toddler Injured in Daytime Shooting**

(January 6, 2026) Detectives are investigating a shooting that left a toddler seriously injured.

On January 6<sup>th</sup> around 12:19 p.m., officers responded to an unknown trouble call near 2900 East Wier Avenue. When they arrived on scene, officers located a toddler with what appeared to be a gunshot wound. Phoenix Fire arrived on scene and transported the toddler to the hospital with serious injuries. The person or people responsible left the scene before officers arrived.

Detectives are working to determine what led to the shooting. Early information suggested that this was a domestic violence incident, however as the investigation continues, this may no-longer be the case. Any information about what led to the shooting, and who all is involved are all part of the ongoing investigation.

Police are aware of possible videos of this incident. If you have any information, please contact police. To remain anonymous, please contact Silent Witness at 480-Witness or 480-Testigo. You may be eligible for a reward.

