



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: January 15, 2026, around 1:47 a.m.
Incident: 2026-65415
Location: 4700 North 67th Avenue
Victim: Mariela G. Duarte Gaxiola, 34-year-old woman, deceased

UPDATE: January 16, 2026

The victim was identified as 34-year-old Mariela G. Duarte Gaxiola.

*Sergeant Jen Zak
Public Affairs Bureau*

Woman Found Dead in West Phoenix

(January 15, 2026) Phoenix Police detectives are investigating a woman found dead in west Phoenix.

On January 15, 2026, at around 1:47 a.m., officers responded to the area of 67th Avenue and Highland Avenue regarding an injured person. When officers arrived, they located an adult female lying on the frontage roadway suffering from a gunshot wound. The Phoenix Fire Department arrived on the scene and pronounced the woman deceased.

Homicide and Night detectives responded to assume the investigation and begin processing the scene. Anyone with information is encouraged to call the police or SILENT WITNESS at 480(WITNESS) or 480(TESTIGO). Additional information related to this incident remains a part of the ongoing investigation.

*Sergeant Lorraine Fernandez
Public Affairs Bureau*