



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: January 12, 2026, around 11:15 p.m.
Incident: 2026-55040
Location: 5600 South Seely Street
Victim: David Jimenez, 57-year-old, deceased
Suspect: Xzavion Johnson, 18-year-old, MCSO Booking #G229715

Man Found Dead in Backyard, Suspect Booked

(January 13, 2026) Phoenix Police detectives have booked a man after another man was found dead in a South Phoenix residential backyard.

On January 12, 2026, at around 11:15 p.m., officers responded to the area of 5600 South Seely Street regarding a check welfare call. Details on the call indicated that neighbors had not seen a man at his home in several days. When officers arrived, they contacted a neighbor who stated that they believed someone was in the home due to traffic going in and out of the residence. Officers attempted to contact the home, during which time they saw a man dead in the backyard. This man was identified as 57-year-old David Jimenez.

Believing the home was occupied, officers established containment and contacted the person inside of the home, who was later identified as 18-year-old Xzavion Johnson. After an extended barricade, Johnson exited the home and was arrested.

Phoenix Police Homicide Detectives responded to assume the investigation. During the interview of Johnson, he admitted to committing a burglary of the home, during which he shot and killed Jimenez. Johnson estimated that this occurred in December of 2025. Since the date of this homicide, Johnson had been living at the home.

Johnson was booked into jail on multiple charges related to the investigation, to include murder and burglary. At this time, investigators do not believe that there are any additional suspects related to this homicide. Additional details related to this incident remain part of the ongoing investigation.

Sergeant Rob Scherer
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