



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: December 15, 2025, at about 10:15 p.m.
Incident: 2025-1795586
Location: 1200 North Central Avenue
Victim: Jaquail Dillard, 29-year-old male, deceased
Suspect: Lupe Teresa Perez, 49-year-old female, MCSO Booking #G228442

UPDATE: January 16, 2026

After several anonymous tips from the community, Lupe Teresa Perez, a 49-year-old woman, who was already in custody on an unrelated charge, was questioned about her involvement in the homicide. During the interview, Perez confessed to stabbing Dillard and was subsequently charged with his murder.

*Sergeant Jen Zak
Public Affairs Bureau*

Detectives Seek Answers in Man's Death

(December 16, 2025) Detectives were called to investigate the stabbing death of a man near downtown Phoenix late Monday night.

Just after 10:00 p.m. on Monday night, Phoenix patrol officers responded to an unknown trouble call of an unresponsive man near 1200 North Central Avenue. When officers arrived in the area, they located 29-year-old Jaquail Dillard unresponsive and suffering from a stab wound. Phoenix Fire personnel responded to provide Dillard with emergency lifesaving care. Dillard was not able to overcome his injuries and was pronounced deceased on scene.

Detectives responded to the scene and took over the investigation. Details of what led to this violent incident are part of an ongoing investigation. Any information related to the suspect or what led to this incident can be called in anonymously to Silent Witness at 480-WITNESS (948-6377).

*Sergeant Brian Bower
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