



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

CORRECTED VERSION

Date/Time: July 4, 2024, around 8:45 p.m.
Incident: 2024-976163
Location: Central Avenue and Minnezona Avenue
Victim: Paul Franco, 51-year-old adult male, decease
Victim: Adult male, non-life-threatening injuries

Central Phoenix Shooting Leaves One Man Dead

(July 5, 2024): Detectives are investigating a shooting that occurred after a first amendment demonstration in downtown Phoenix.

Officers were working downtown in the area near Central Avenue and Minnezona Avenue around 8:45 p.m., on Thursday. The officers heard several gunshots and were directed to the location of the shooting by those in the area. Officer located a man suffering from a gunshot wound and another man suffering from a stab wound. The fire department responded and provided aid to both men. The stab wound victim was taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The 51-year-old man identified as Paul Franco who was wounded by gunfire, died from his injuries on scene.

Detectives interviewed witnesses, obtained surveillance footage, and processed the scene.

Officers located a woman, hours later, they believed was involved in the shooting. She was transported to police headquarters and subsequently released pending further investigation.

Investigators have limited information regarding the stabbing and are working to identify a suspect.

Detectives continue to investigate the incident. Once the investigation is complete, the incident will be reviewed by the Maricopa County Attorney's office who will determine any charges warranted.

Sergeant Phil Krynsky
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