



**Phoenix Police Department**  
**Public Affairs Bureau**  
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# MEDIA ADVISORY

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**Date/Time:** February 6, 2024, around 6:23 a.m.  
**Incident:** 2024-182788  
**Location:** 12700 North Black Canyon Access Road  
**Victim:** William Lloyd Mielke, 70-year-old, deceased

**UPDATE: February 13, 2024**

The victim in this case has been identified as 70-year-old William Mielke. This investigation remains active and ongoing.

*Sergeant Rob Scherer*  
*Public Affairs Bureau*

## **Man Found Dead Near Valley Highway**

(February 7, 2024) Phoenix Police detectives are investigating an incident that left a man dead that has now been ruled a homicide

On February 6, 2024, around 6:20 a.m., Phoenix police officers responded to the southbound Black Canyon Access Road just north of Cactus Road regarding an injured person. When officers arrived, they located an adult male who was later pronounced deceased on scene.

Detectives responded to assume the investigation. There were no obvious signs of injuries to the man at the scene. The Office of the Medical Examiner responded and took possession of the remains. During autopsy the man was found to have a gunshot wound from a small caliber firearm which resulted in his death. The case is now being investigated as a homicide. Anyone with information is asked to call Silent Witness at 480(WITNESS) or 480(TESTIGO) and provide an anonymous tip. Rewards will be paid for information leading to an arrest in this case.

*Sergeant Rob Scherer*  
*Public Affairs Bureau*