



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: January 5, 2024, around 5:39 a.m.
Incident: 2024-20890
Location: 2000 North 39th Drive
Victim: Anthony Tate, 49-year-old, deceased
Victim: Anna Marie Chavez, 44-year-old, deceased
Suspect: Paul Jon Thomas, 43-year-old, Booked into MCSO

UPDATE: January 10, 2024

The victims were identified as 49-year-old Anthony Tate and 44-year-old Anna Marie Chavez.

Shortly after beginning this investigation, detectives identified an adult male, identified as 43-year-old Paul Jon Thomas, as the suspect in this case. Thomas had a previous relationship with victim Anna Marie Chavez and evidence indicated that Thomas stalked Chavez prior to the homicide.

On January 6, 2024, Thomas was located in Atlanta, Georgia and arrested for an outstanding warrant related to this investigation. On January 9, 2024 he was extradited back to Phoenix, Arizona and booked on multiple counts of first-degree murder and stalking. Thomas is believed to be the lone suspect in this homicide.

Sergeant Rob Scherer
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Two Found Dead In Early Morning Hours

(January 5, 2024) Phoenix Police detectives are investigating a west valley incident that left a man and woman dead.

On January 5, 2024, around 5:40 a.m., Phoenix police officers responded to the area of 39th Drive and Holly Street regarding two people that were shot. When officers arrived, they located an adult male and adult female both with at least one gunshot wound each. Both the man and woman were pronounced deceased on scene.

Detectives responded to assume the investigation. 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
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