



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

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**Date/Time:** February 5, 2024, around 3:15 a.m.  
**Incident:** 2024-177506  
**Location:** 8000 North 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
**Victim:** Morning Gorman, 17-year-old female, deceased  
**Suspect:** Richmond Sam, 48-year-old male, MCSO Booking# G076776

## **Man Facing Murder Charges After Teen Overdoses**

(February 5, 2024): A teenaged female is dead after overdosing at a local gas station. One man is facing Manslaughter and Child Abuse charges after admitting to giving the teenager drugs.

Officers were called to a check welfare at a gas station near 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Northern Avenue just before 3:15 a.m. When officers arrived, they found a teenaged female, later identified as 17-year-old Morning Gorman, unresponsive in a vehicle with another man and two female juveniles. The fire department responded to treat Gorman and transported her to the hospital where she later died.

Detectives responded to investigate the incident. During their initial investigation, detectives learned the man, later identified as 48-year-old Richmond Sam, picked up the females at a nearby park the day before and gave the females drugs to use throughout the evening. The females later noticed Gorman became unresponsive while they were at a gas station and they called out for help.

Sam was interviewed and admitted to investigators he gave the three underaged females drugs. He was later booked on multiple charges to include Manslaughter, Child Abuse, and providing drugs to a minor. The investigation remains active.

*Sergeant Phil Krynsky*  
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