



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: March 7, 2026, around 2:31 a.m.
Incident: 2026-314971
Location: 2300 West Joan De Arc Avenue

Aggravated Assault Investigation

On March 7, 2026, at approximately 2:30 a.m., Phoenix Police officers responded to a report of a man firing a BB gun towards their direction at a mosque near 23rd Avenue and Joan De Arc Avenue. Upon arrival, officers learned that several community members had seen a suspicious vehicle approach the mosque's gate. A man exited the vehicle and pointed what initially appeared to be a firearm. The witnesses heard several popping sounds and retreated to safety.

The victims later determined the sounds were consistent with a pellet or paintball gun, not a firearm. The suspect returned to the vehicle and continued firing paintballs toward the group, striking several parked vehicles before fleeing the area. No injuries were reported. Officers conducted a search of the surrounding neighborhood, but the suspect was not located.

Detectives have taken over the investigation and are seeking any information that may assist in identifying the individual involved. Community members with information are encouraged to contact SILENT WITNESS at (480) WITNESS or (480) TESTIGO for Spanish.

The Phoenix Police Department recognizes that incidents of this nature can cause concern, especially for those who gather at places of worship and other community spaces. As a precaution, officers will continue increased patrols in the area while the investigation continues. We remain committed to supporting the safety and wellbeing of all who live, work, and worship in our city, and we thank the community for working with us to keep one another safe.

Sergeant Lorraine Fernandez
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