



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: October 3rd, 2026, at approximately 12:00 a.m.
Incident: 2026-1384479
Location: 1700 West Maryland Avenue
Victim: John David Lee, 58-year-old male, deceased
Suspect: Sherman Murphy, 41-year-old male, MCSO Booking #G285533

Homicide Investigation

On October 3rd, 2026, just after midnight., Phoenix Police officers responded to multiple reports of shots fired near an apartment complex in the area of 17th Avenue and Maryland Avenue. As officers arrived, they located an adult male victim inside of a vehicle, suffering from at least one gunshot wound. The Phoenix Fire Department arrived and pronounced the male deceased on scene. The victim was identified as 58-year-old, John David Lee.

Officers secured the area and learned information leading them to believe the suspected shooter was inside a nearby apartment. Officers located the apartment and were able to take the suspect into custody. The suspect has been identified as 41-year-old, Sherman Murphy (MCSO Booking #G285532).

Homicide detectives responded to assume the ongoing investigation.

Murphy was ultimately booked into jail on 1 count of 2nd Degree Homicide.

Any additional information is part of the ongoing investigation.

Sergeant Chris Berrelleza
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