



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

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**Date/Time:** April 14, 2024, around 1:43 p.m.  
**Incident:** 2024-544108  
**Location:** 2300 North 49<sup>th</sup> Drive  
**Victim:** Ruby Catherine Pittman, 75-year-old, deceased  
**Suspect:** Icess Beatrice Woodcox, 27-year-old, MCSO Booking #G092530

**UPDATE: April 15, 2024**

The suspect in this homicide, identified as 27-year-old Icess Woodcox, has been booked into jail on one count of murder under the above booking number.

*Sergeant Rob Scherer*  
*Public Affairs Bureau*

## **One Woman in Jail and Another is Dead After West Valley Murder**

(April 14, 2024) Phoenix Police detectives are investigating a stabbing that left a woman dead and another woman in jail.

On April 14, 2024, around 1:45 p.m., an adult female contacted officers at a Phoenix Police Department Precinct and told them that she had stabbed another woman inside of a residence located near 49<sup>th</sup> Drive and Lewis Avenue. Officers located the home and made entry finding an adult female, later identified as 75-year-old Ruby Pittman, with at least one stab wound. Pittman did not survive her injuries and was pronounced deceased on scene.

Detectives responded to assume the investigation. The adult female that originally contacted officers about the homicide, again made admissions about being responsible for the murder of Pittman. The two are family members but the specific relationship is not available for release. Other details related to this incident remain part of the ongoing investigation.

The booking process for the suspect is underway. Once this is complete, her information will be released through an update to this media advisory.

Sergeant Rob Scherer  
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