



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: May 26, 2023, at 3:40 p.m.
Incident: 2023-800739
Location: 24th and Oak Streets
Victim: Nicholas Arnstad, 41-year-old male, deceased
Suspect: Iren Byers, 20-year-old male, booked by Mesa PD

Homicide Along the Canal

(May 28, 2023): Detectives investigated a shooting that left a man dead along the canal. The suspect in that case was later identified and connected to multiple shootings in Mesa, Arizona.

Phoenix Police officers were dispatched to a call of a man, later identified as 41-year-old Nicholas Arnstad, deceased next to the canal near 24th and Oak Streets. Officers discovered the man was shot and the Homicide Unit responded to investigate the incident. Detectives processed the crime scene, collected evidence, and attempted to locate witnesses.

After the initial investigation, detectives learned there were other homicides that occurred in Mesa, Arizona involving a suspect with a similar description. The evidence from the multiple scenes were examined which resulted in linking each case to 20-year-old Iren Byers. Byers was located and arrested by Mesa PD yesterday evening in Mesa. He later interviewed and confessed to his involvement in the shootings to include the murder of Arnstad.

Byers was booked by Mesa PD on 4 counts of 1st Degree Murder and 1 count of 1st Degree Attempted Murder related to the shootings in Mesa and Phoenix.

Sergeant Phil Krynsky
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