



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: July 12, 2023, at about 12:51 p.m.
Incident: 2023-1061653
Location: 200 East Bell Road
Victim: Ashley Sutter, 37-years-old, Deceased
Victim: Maximus Hodges, 3-years-old, Deceased

Detectives Investigate Fatal Fire in North Phoenix

(July 14, 2023) Detectives continue to investigate what led to a fatal fire at an apartment complex in north Phoenix Wednesday afternoon.

On July 12, 2023, at about 12:51 p.m. officers responded to an apartment fire near 2nd Avenue and Bell Road. When officers got to the apartment, they assisted with scene security while fire personnel worked the fire. A woman and her young son were inside the home at the time the fire started. Victim Ashley Sutter, 37, was taken to the hospital in extreme critical condition. Sutter succumbed to her injuries the following day on July 13, 2023.

Sutter's 3-year-old son, Maximus Hodges, was also inside the apartment and had passed away on scene from fire related injuries.

Arson investigators with Phoenix police and fire responded to the scene to investigate the origins and cause of the fire. Details of this incident are still under investigation. The Office of the Medical Examiner also responded to conduct its own investigation. Details of this incident are still under investigation.

Sergeant Brian Bower
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