



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: February 17, 2024, around 11:35 p.m.
Incident: 2024-242633
Location: 3400 West Van Buren Street
Victim: Heriberto Acosta, 41-year-old male, deceased

Late Night Stabbing Leaves One Man Dead

(February 18, 2024) Phoenix police detectives are investigating a stabbing that left a man dead after a late-night brawl.

On February 17, 2024, around 11:35 p.m., Phoenix police officers responded to a stabbing outside a business near 35th Avenue and Van Buren Street. When they arrived, officers found a man suffering from multiple stab wounds. The fire department arrived and rushed the man to the hospital where he died from his injuries. He was identified as 41-year-old Heriberto Acosta.

Detectives responded to take over the investigation. Investigators processed the scene, reviewed the evidence, and spoke to witnesses. Detectives learned Acosta was a food truck vendor and was in the process of closing down for the night when a vehicle pulled into the parking lot. Multiple men got out of the vehicle and a fight began between the men and the food truck employees. During the fight, Acosta was stabbed multiple times, by one of the men, before they got back into the vehicle and left. Currently, the motive for the attack is unknown. The investigation remains active.

Anyone with information can call Phoenix police or Silent Witness if they wish to remain anonymous.

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