



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



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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**Date/Time:** May 5, 2024, around 11:30 p.m.  
**Incident:** 2024-659886  
**Location:** 4000 North 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
**Victim:** Paul Lopez Jr., 37-year-old male, deceased  
**Suspect:** Raymond French, 25-year-old male, MCSO Booking# G150667

### **UPDATE: January 4, 2025**

Less than 24 hours after detectives began the investigation, they learned the victim, 38-year-old Paul Lopez Jr., died from the injuries he suffered in the night of May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Detectives continued the investigation by searching for evidence which included various discarded items, video surveillance, and witness testimony. This resulted in the identification of the suspect, 25-year-old Raymond French.

After submitting the case to the Maricopa County Attorney's Office, charges were filed to include Second Degree Murder. After presenting the case to a grand jury, an arrest warrant was issued for French. French was located on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 in Chandler, Arizona after being involved in an unrelated investigation that occurred in the Gila River Reservation.

French was later booked on his outstanding homicide warrant. The identification and arrest of French would not be possible without the collaboration and communication between the Phoenix Police Department and its local and federal partners to include the Gila River Police Department, Chandler Police Department, Mesa Police Department, and the FBI.

*Sergeant Phil Krynsky*  
*Public Affairs Bureau*

### **UPDATE: May 7, 2024**

The victim in this case did not survive his injuries and was pronounced deceased at the hospital. He has been identified as 37-year-old Paul Albert Lopez Jr.

*Sergeant Rob Scherer*  
*Public Affairs Bureau*

## Late Night Shooting Leaves Man in Critical Condition

(May 6, 2024): A man is fighting for his life at the hospital after he was shot by an unknown suspect.

Just before 11:30 pm, officers were called to a shooting near 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Indian School Road after the caller heard gunshots and multiple people running away. When officers arrived, they found a man lying on the roadway with multiple gunshot wounds. The man was rushed to the hospital by fire personnel where he currently remains in extremely critical condition.

Detectives responded to investigate the incident by speaking to witnesses and searching for evidence. Detectives learned the victim was in a verbal argument with two individuals just before the shooting occurred. No suspects have been detained, however, detectives are actively following leads. Anyone with information can call Phoenix police or Silent Witness, if they wish to remain anonymous.

*Sergeant Phil Krynsky*  
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