



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: April 7, 2024, around 1:15 p.m.
Incident: 2024-505972
Location: 9800 North 7th Avenue
Victim: Earlrlic Reynolds, 13-year-old male, deceased
Suspect: Adolfo Villalva, 18-year-old male, MCSO Booking# G090939

Teen Dead After Accidental Shooting

(April 8, 2024): A 13-year-old is dead after another teen accidentally discharges a gun towards him. The suspect was arrested and facing manslaughter and weapons charges.

Yesterday afternoon, around 1:15 pm, officers were called to a stabbing at an apartment complex near 7th Avenue and Mountain View Road. When officers arrived, they found a young male, later identified as 13-year-old Earlrlic Reynolds, suffering from a gunshot wound. Officers provided aid until the fire department arrived. Reynolds was rushed to the hospital where he later died from his injuries. Another teenager on scene, 18-year-old Adolfo Villalva, told officers he had accidentally shot Reynolds and was detained.

Detectives were called to investigate the shooting. After conducting interviews and reviewing evidence, they learned Villalva and Reynolds were playing with Nerf guns when Villalva pulled out a real gun and mistakenly fired it at Reynolds. Villalva and other witnesses moved Reynolds to the parking lot of the apartment complex and Villalva hid the firearm before police arrived. The firearm was later recovered.

Villalva was booked on multiple felonies to include Manslaughter, Misconduct Involving Weapons, and Tampering with Evidence. The investigation remains active.

Sergeant Phil Krynsky
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