



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: September 1, 2024, around 8:00 a.m.
Incident: 2024-1288455
Location: 3900 E Thomas Road
Victim: Alan David Whitworth, 48-year-old-male, deceased
Victim: Jamal Avery, 19-year-old-male, critical injuries
Suspect: Marquea Cato, 31-year-old, booked into MCSO G128611

UPDATE: September 19, 2024

Detectives investigating this violent shooting which left one dead and another fighting for his life have worked countless hours over the past few weeks going through evidence. This tireless work resulted in the identification and arrest of 31-year-old Marquea Cato. Detectives and tactical operations officers located Cato in the area of 1600 North 40th Street at about 10:30 p.m. last night and took him into custody without incident.

Sergeant Brian Bower
Public Affairs Bureau

One Man Dies and Second Fighting for His Life

(September 1, 2024): Two men are shot, after an altercation at a construction site.

On September 1, 2024, around 8:00 a.m., officers were called to the area of 3900 East Thomas Road regarding two males shot. Officers arrived and discovered 48-year-old Alan David Whitworth and a 19-year-old male suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. Alan Whitworth was pronounced deceased on scene and the 19-year-old victim was transported to a local area hospital where he was rushed into surgery and might not survive.

Based on information known at this time, both victims were working on repairing a fence when they were confronted by the suspect. The suspect shot both victims multiple times and again when the victims were on the ground. An intensive investigation is underway to identify, locate, and apprehend the suspect. Additional details related to this incident remain part of the ongoing investigation.

Investigators are asking the community if anyone has photos or video or knows who the suspect is please reach out to Phoenix Police or anonymously by calling Silent Witness at 480-WITNESS or 480-TESTIGO with any tips.

Sergeant Mayra Reeson
Public Affairs Bureau

