



Phoenix Police Department
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MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: July 9, 1998, just before midnight
Incident: 0000-81147614
Location: 1400 East McDowell Road
Victim: Sarah Jane Carr, 28-year-old, deceased
Suspect: Javier Lorenziano-Nunez, 58-year-old, MCSO booking #G136392

Homicide Suspect Booked 26 Years After Murder

(October 24, 2024) Cold Case Homicide Detectives with the Phoenix Police Department have arrested a man after years of investigation in the 1998 heinous murder of a 28-year-old woman.

On July 9, 1998, Phoenix police officers responded to the shooting of a woman in a home near 14th Street and McDowell Road. Inside the house, officers found 28-year-old Sarah Carr with a gunshot wound. Carr died from her injury and the case was turned over to detectives assigned the Phoenix PD's Homicide Unit.

The original detectives who worked this case only had a nickname for the suspect, but his identity was still unknown. The homicide investigation went cold until 2016 when cold case detectives were able to identify the suspect as Javier Lorenziano-Nunez, now 58-years-old. Detectives learned Lorenziano-Nunez spent years in California after the murder and had been living in Mexico for the past decade. Working with the Maricopa County Attorney's Office, investigators were able to submit the case which resulted in Lorenziano-Nunez being indicted and an outstanding arrest warrant was issued for the homicide.

Detectives contacted the U.S. Justice Department's Office of Internal Affairs who worked with law enforcement officials in Mexico to locate and arrest Lorenziano-Nunez. The Department of Justice and the U.S. Marshals Service worked to finalize and complete the extradition of Lorenziano-Nunez to Phoenix on October 23, 2024. The Phoenix Police Department took custody of Lorenziano-Nunez Wednesday evening who was then booked into jail for the outstanding warrant related to the homicide.

After 26 years, the suspect in the murder of Sarah Carr will now face accountability and charges related to his actions in July 1998. The Phoenix Police Department's Homicide Unit has yet again shown its incredible work ethic and its core value of honoring every victim of every homicide in the city, regardless of how old an investigation may be.

The Phoenix Police Department would like to thank the local and federal partners that collectively ensured that the suspect in this homicide would eventually face charges for the homicide of Sarah Carr.

These partners include but are not limited to the United States Department of Justice, United States Customs and Border Patrol, United States Marshals Service, Arizona Department of Public Safety, Maricopa County Attorney's Office, and all of the members, past and present, of the Phoenix Police Department who worked tirelessly on this case over the last 26 years.

A detailed video on this case can be found on our [YouTube channel](#).

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