



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: May 2, 2024, around 3:31 p.m.
Incident: 2024-641772
Location: 2800 South 65th Lane
Victim: Valentina Ruiz, 3-year-old, deceased
Victim: Penelope Ruiz, 3-year-old, deceased

Midday Drowning Claims Lives of Twin Girls

(May 3, 2024) Phoenix Police detectives are investigating a drowning that resulted in the death of two children.

On May 2, 2024, around 3:30 p.m., officers responded to a home in the area of 2800 South 65th Lane regarding a drowning call. When officers and Phoenix Fire personnel arrived, they located two children being given CPR by family after they were found in the backyard pool. Phoenix Fire took over life saving measures of the children. Both girls, identified as 3-year-old Valentina Ruiz and 3-year-old Penelope Ruiz, were transported to a nearby hospital. Tragically, they did not survive their injuries and were pronounced deceased.

Detectives responded to take over the investigation. Preliminary information suggests that this incident is consistent with an accidental drowning. At this time, there is nothing that investigators have found that appears suspicious. All other details related to this incident remain part of this ongoing investigation.

Sergeant Rob Scherer
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