



**Phoenix Police Department**  
**Public Affairs Bureau**  
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# MEDIA ADVISORY

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**Date/Time:** July 15, 2024, around 6:25 a.m.  
**Incident:** 2024-1029599  
**Location:** 13229 South 48<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Victim:** Merissa Honeycutt, 27-year-old, deceased  
**Victim:** Anthony Frederickson-Ceccarelli, 25-year-old, deceased  
**Victim:** Samuel Lott, 37-year-old, deceased  
**Suspect:** Chase Christman, 30-year-old, MCSO booking number G114670  
**Suspect:** Dorian Rice, 53-year-old, MCSO booking number G115582

**UPDATE: July 24, 2024**

As this investigation continued, Homicide Detectives were able to link another man identified as 53-year-old Dorian Rice as being with suspect Chase Christman around the time of the murders. On July 23, 2024, Rice was located and arrested. During the interview of Rice, he admitted to driving Christman to the residence to commit a planned robbery of the victims. Rice also admitted to driving Christman away from the scene after the murders.

Rice was booked on multiple charges related to this investigation, to include multiple counts of first-degree felony murder and armed robbery.

This investigation continues to remain an active investigation.

*Sergeant Rob Scherer*  
*Public Affairs Bureau*

**UPDATE: July 19, 2024**

## **Man Booked on Three Counts of Murder**

Since July 15, 2024, Homicide Detectives have worked around the clock on this investigation. It was learned that the homicide took place in the early morning hours on Sunday July 14, 2024. The fire set to the apartment was started approximately a day later on July 15<sup>th</sup>. The investigation led detectives to 30-year-old Chase Christman as the lone suspect in this murder. Christman was linked

to the murder through digital and physical evidence obtained from the original crime scene and is an associate of all three victims.

On July 19, 2024, Christman was arrested and interviewed reference the incident. He made admissions to being at the apartment but did not admit to committing the homicides. Christman was booked into jail on three counts of murder and one count of misconduct involving weapons. This investigation remains active; however, investigators believe that Christman was the only suspect involved in the murders of the three victims.

*Sergeant Rob Scherer  
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**UPDATE: July 18, 2024**

Each of the victims have been identified in this triple homicide. They are 27-year-old Merissa Honeycutt, 25-year-old Anthony Frederickson-Ceccarelli and 37-year-old Samuel Lott. This investigation remains active. Anyone with information asked to call Silent Witness at 480(WITNESS) or 480(TESTIGO) and provide an anonymous tip. Rewards will be paid for information leading to an arrest in this case.

*Sergeant Rob Scherer  
Public Affairs Bureau*

## **Three Found Dead After Apartment Fire is Extinguished**

(July 15, 2024) Phoenix Police detectives are investigating an incident that left a woman and two men dead after they are found inside a South Phoenix apartment that was set on fire.

On July 15, 2024, around 6:30 a.m., the Phoenix Fire Department and Phoenix Police Department responded to an apartment fire at the complex located at 13229 South 48<sup>th</sup> Street. Fire personnel quickly extinguished the fire, after which they located three adults, one woman and two men, deceased inside of the apartment. Upon initial examination it appeared that all three victims suffered obvious signs of trauma that was not related to the fire inside of the apartment.

The Phoenix Fire Department's Arson Investigation Task Force and the Phoenix Police Department's Homicide Unit responded to conduct the related scene investigation. Specifics related the victim's injuries will be determined through the Office of the Medical Examiner's autopsy to be conducted at a later date. Additional details related to this incident remain part of the ongoing investigation. Anyone with information is asked to call Silent Witness at 480(WITNESS) or 480(TESTIGO) and provide an anonymous tip. Rewards will be paid for information leading to an arrest in this case.

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