



Phoenix Police Department
Public Affairs Bureau
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MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: April 5, 2024, around 6:34 a.m.
Incident: 2024-493540
Location: 5100 West Southern Avenue
Victim: James Leslie Baines II, 47-year-old, deceased
Suspect: Adult male, hospitalized

West Valley Shooting Leaves One Dead One Hospitalized

(April 5, 2024) Phoenix Police detectives are investigating a shooting that left a man in the hospital and another dead.

On April 5, 2024, around 6:30 a.m., Phoenix police officers responded to the area of 51st Avenue and Southern Avenue regarding a shooting. When officers arrived, they located an adult male with a gunshot wound. The man was transported to a nearby hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Shortly after this contact, an additional call for service was received indicating that a vehicle had struck a residence near 51st Avenue and Sunland Avenue, which is just north of the shooting scene. When officers located this vehicle, they found an adult male, identified as 47-year-old James Baines II, with at least one gunshot wound. Baines II did not survive his injuries and was pronounced deceased on scene. These two scenes were determined to be related.

Detectives responded to assume the investigation. Preliminary information regarding this shooting suggests that the adult male who suffered non-life-threatening injuries and Baines II were involved in a shootout near 51st Avenue and Southern Avenue. Baines II fled the area in his vehicle before succumbing to his injuries. The man in the shootout with Baines II provided a self defense claim. He was released from custody after being interviewed.

This investigation remains very much active. Once completed the case will be submitted to the Maricopa County Attorney's Office for a charging decision. Additional details pertaining to this case remain part of this ongoing investigation.

Sergeant Rob Scherer
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