



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: May 19, 2024, around 3:00 p.m.
Incident: 2024-733737
Location: 1500 West Whitton Avenue
Victim 1: 11-year-old child, Hospitalized

Child fighting for life after near drowning

(May 20, 2024) Phoenix police detectives investigate near fatal drowning after tragic accident. The 11-year-old child remains in critical/life-threatening condition.

On May 19, 2024, around 3:00 p.m., officers responded along with Phoenix fire to the area of 1500 W Whitton Avenue for reports of a drowning. The child was removed from the pool by a family member and CPR was initiated, the child was transported to the hospital in critical condition.

Detectives responded conducted interviews and processed the scene with the assistance of Crime Scene Specialists. Investigators learned the child was in the swimming pool playing a volleyball game with others when someone noticed the child was submerged underwater. A family member jumped into the pool and found her hair was caught on an underwater pool fixture. With assistance from other adults the child was freed and removed from the pool. CPR was immediately started, and several people called 911. The child is reported as a strong swimmer and this is an extremely tragic accident. The scene was consistent with an accidental drowning there were no signs of foul play.

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