



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: May 22, 2022, around 6:30 p.m.
Incident: 2022-774273
Location: 71st Avenue and Thomas Road
Victim: Brian Lujan, 18-year-old male – deceased
Suspect: Sergio Lopez Ruiz – MCSO Booking# T780043

An Accidental Discharge Leaves a Young Man Dead

(May 23, 2022): Two men handle a firearm inside a west Phoenix home. The gun goes off and fatality wounds one of the men.

Police were called to the area of 71st Avenue and Thomas Road about a shooting Sunday evening at around 6:30 p.m. When they got there, they found a man shot while inside a home. The man, later identified as 18-year-old Brian Lujan, was transported to a local hospital where he died from his injuries.

The officers were informed Lujan and his friend, Sergio Lopez Ruiz, were handling Lopez Ruiz's firearm when it went off and a bullet struck Lujan. Lopez Ruiz was detained on scene and was later interviewed by detectives.

Detectives spoke to witnesses, processed the crime scene and reviewed evidence. Lopez Ruiz was later booked on manslaughter charges.

The investigation remains active as additional evidence is processed.