



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: May 8, 2022, around 5:00 a.m.
Incident: 2022-693571
Location: Camelback Road and Black Canyon Highway
Victim: Sergio Cruz – 31-year-old male – deceased

A Man Points a Replica Gun Towards Another Man, Gets Shot and Killed by a Real Gun

A verbal fight between two men erupts into a shooting at a central Phoenix gas station. The victim points a replica handgun at another male. The male shoots the victim with a handgun.

Police were called to the area of Camelback Road and Black Canyon Highway about a person shot Sunday morning at around 5 a.m. When they got there, they found 31-year-old Sergio Cruz suffering from a gunshot wound to the chest.

Officers provided first aid until the fire department arrived. Cruz was taken to a local hospital where he was pronounced deceased. The suspect remained on scene and was detained with no incident.

Officers learned Cruz was confronting the suspect regarding a dispute with his loved one. During the confrontation, Cruz points a replica airsoft gun at the male. The male responds by pulling out a handgun and shot Cruz.

Investigators responded to the scene to gather evidence, talk with witnesses and look for possible surveillance. The investigation remains active. No arrests have been made at this time.