



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: October 6, 2021 at about 8:00 a.m.
Incident: 2021-1559139, 2021-156052
Location: 7th Avenue and Union Hills Drive
Victim: 19-year-old Oscar Ortega, Deceased
Suspect: 18-year-old Jerssen Perez, MCSO Booking # T732736

Homicide Investigation

On October 6, 2021, at about 8:00 a.m., Phoenix Police responded to a kidnapping call that occurred in the area of 7th Avenue and Union Hills Drive. The victim was reported by his family as possibly kidnapped. Officers learned the victim left his girlfriend's house earlier that morning, around 2:00 a.m., and was kidnapped at gunpoint by the suspect and forced into a vehicle. The suspect shot the victim inside the vehicle, and then disposed of the victim's body in an open desert area.

Officers located the suspect near the scene of the kidnapping at about 3:00 p.m. The suspect was arrested and admitted to his involvement in the incident. The suspect was booked on 1st Degree Murder and Kidnapping, among other charges.