



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: January 14, 2023, at about 9:38 p.m.
Incident: 2023-70508
Location: 4300 West Thomas Road
Victim: Bryan Perez, 15-year-old, Deceased
Suspect: Julian Francisco Soto, 18-year-old, MCSO Booking Number T825640

UPDATE: January 17, 2023

The victim in this case has been identified as 15-year-old Bryan Perez.

UPDATE: January 16, 2023

The victim in this case has been pronounced deceased at the local hospital where they were receiving treatment.

Homicide Detectives established probable cause to arrest 18-year-old Julian Francisco Soto for the shooting. He was located and arrested by Phoenix Police. Soto was booked on several felony charges to include murder and aggravated assault. MCSO booking number T825640

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Detectives Seek Information on a Shooting That Leaves a Teenager in Critical Condition

(January 15, 2023) Phoenix police detectives are investigating a shooting involving a teenager that happened late Saturday night in the area of 43rd Avenue and Thomas Road.

On January 14, 2023, just after 9:30 p.m. Phoenix police officers responded to a shooting near 4300 West Thomas Road. Around the same time, other officers responded to a local hospital for a juvenile who had a gunshot wound. It was quickly determined that the two calls were related, and officers began to investigate them as a single investigation. The juvenile was treated at the hospital for their injuries and currently the juvenile remains in critical condition.

Homicide detectives responded to investigate the shooting. Preliminary information indicates that the victim, along with other juveniles, left the parking lot of a convenience store when an unknown suspect fired several rounds in their direction. One of those rounds struck the victim, who was transported to the hospital by the other juveniles. Information about what led up to the shooting is still under investigation. If anyone has any information, they are encouraged to call Phoenix Police or Silent Witness at 480-WITNESS or 480-TESTIGO (Spanish).

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