



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: October 1, 2023, around 7:37 p.m.
Incident: 2023-1493990
Location: 6200 North 35th Avenue
Victim: Martin Andrew Anaya, 26-year-old, deceased
Suspect: Frank Avila, 28-year-old, MCSO Booking #G049839
Suspect: Alberto Valenzuela, 46-year-old, MCSO Booking #G049852

Incident Leaves One Dead, Two In Jail

(October 2, 2023) Phoenix Police detectives have booked two men after a late-evening robbery turned collision leaves a man dead.

On October 1, 2023, around 7:35 p.m., Phoenix police officers responded to the area of 35th Avenue and Rose Lane regarding a stabbing. As officers were responding they were advised of a collision involving a pedestrian and a shooting in the same area that may be related to the stabbing call. When they arrived, they located an adult male identified as 28-year-old Frank Avila with a gunshot wound. Avila was transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The adult male that shot Avila was contacted on scene as well. After being interviewed, this man was released from the scene.

Officers were then directed to the location of the collision. It was learned that an adult male identified as 26-year-old Martin Anaya was struck by a vehicle. Anaya was transported to a local hospital however he did not survive his injuries and was pronounced deceased. The vehicle that struck Anaya left the scene before police arrival.

Detectives responded to assume the investigation. As the investigation progressed it was learned that Avila attempted to rob Anaya while they were on a city bus. During this attempted robbery, Avila stabbed Anaya after which Anaya ran off the bus trying to get away from Avila who gave chase. This is when the collision took place. Follow up was conducted and the vehicle involved in the collision, and its driver, were located. The driver of the vehicle, 46-year-old Alberto Valenzuela, was arrested and booked into jail for leaving the scene of a fatal collision.

Avila was treated at the hospital for his injuries and released. He was booked on multiple felony charges to include armed robbery and murder.

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