



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: February 14, 2021 – Approximately 12:40 p.m.
Incident: 2021-0247869
Location: 75th Avenue and Thomas Road
Victims: 17-year-old male – Deceased, Alejandro Martinez
20-year-old male – Expected to survive
Suspect: 20-year-old male – Alexi Acosta T

Homicide Investigation

On February 14, 2021, at about 12:40 p.m., Phoenix Police responded to a shots-fired call inside a business in the area of 75th Avenue and Thomas Road. When officers arrived, they located the two victims inside the shopping center with gunshot wounds. The victims were brought outside to waiting fire personnel and transported to local hospitals. One victim was pronounced deceased at the hospital, the other suffered serious injuries but is expected to survive at this time.

Investigators learned the two victims went to the shopping center and were in an argument over merchandise with an employee at a kiosk. At some point, one of the victims displayed a firearm and then both victims were shot.

The employee at the kiosk is cooperating with investigators. Detectives are still working through evidence and witness statements to determine exactly what happened at this incident. No arrests have been made.

Anyone with information is urged to call the Phoenix Police Department, Violent Crimes Bureau at 602-262-6141. If you prefer to remain anonymous, call silent witness at 480-WITNESS or 480-TESTIGO for Spanish.

UPDATE

On February 26, 2021, Phoenix Police Homicide Detectives developed probable cause to arrest 20-year-old Alexi Acosta. He was booked on Murder and Aggravated assault.

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