



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: March 20, 2023, 3:05 p.m.
Incident: 2023-416157
Location: 2400 W. Mission Lane
Victim: Osvaldo Hernandez Castillo, 20-year-old male, deceased
Suspect: Leonardo Santiago, 21-year-old male, booked MCSO G063031

Homicide Suspect Connected to Second Murder

(December 8, 2023): Investigators have linked murder suspect Leonardo Santiago to a second homicide that occurred earlier this year near 23rd Avenue and Dunlap Avenue that left one man dead.

In the afternoon of March 20, 2023, Phoenix police officers were called to an unknown trouble call in a commercial area near 24th Avenue and Mission Lane. When officers arrived, they found 20-year-old Osvaldo Hernandez Castillo inside a vehicle, suffering from a gunshot wound. The fire department responded and provided medical aid to Castillo, but he died from his injuries on scene.

Homicide detectives were called to investigate the shooting where they processed the scene and collected evidence for analysis. The case remained active until new information was discovered during an unrelated homicide case that occurred in November 2023.

Detectives were able to uncover digital evidence to link Santiago to the homicide. On December 7th, Santiago was questioned by detectives regarding the new evidence and admitted to his involvement in the March homicide.

Santiago was booked for a second charge of First-Degree Murder. The investigation remains active as detectives continue to review all available evidence.

Sergeant Phil Krynsky
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