



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



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# MEDIA ADVISORY

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**Date/Time:** September 3, 2022 around 2:30 p.m.  
**Incident:** 2022-1329300  
**Location:** 2700 West Van Buren Street  
**Victim:** Enrique Cantu III, 36-year-old, deceased

**UPDATE:** September 4, 2022

The victim in this incident was identified as 36-year-old Enrique Cantu III.

## In Custody Death Investigation

Phoenix Police are investigating the death of an adult man while in police custody.

Just before 2:30 p.m. on September 3, 2022 Phoenix police were called to an attempted residential burglary in the area of 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Van Buren Street. An adult male opened the front door of a home and was told to leave by the homeowner. The male left and walked to other homes trying to open the doors. While the male was walking near the homes, he was falling over, hitting his head on the doors, and acting erratic.

Officers got to the scene and located the adult male matching the initial description provided. Officers tried to detain the male and were met with resistance. The male was placed on the ground and handcuffed. Officers put the male on his side and called the fire department to evaluate him based on his actions. The male was responsive while the fire department responded to the scene.

The fire department arrived and began to evaluate the male. During their evaluation, the male became unresponsive. Officers took off the handcuffs and the fire department started life saving measures. The male was transported to a local hospital, where he was pronounced deceased.

The cause and manner of death will be determined by the Office of the Medical Examiner. The actions of the officers will be the subject of an internal and criminal investigation.

