



Phoenix Police Department
Public Affairs Bureau
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MEDIA ADVISORY

Date: January 20, 2022
Incident: 2022-83018
Location: La Paz County
Victim: Irene Luevano, 37-years old

Missing Person Irene Luevano Located

On January 16, 2022, Irene Luevano was reported missing by family members. There was significant concern for her welfare because there was an indication she was injured and needed medical attention. This prompted the Phoenix Police Department to dedicate considerable resources to locate Ms. Luevano as quickly as possible.

Earlier today, January 20, Phoenix police investigators located the remains of Ms. Luevano. The discovery was made in a remote area of La Paz County off Hovatter Road and the I-10 freeway. There was obvious trauma to her body. Detectives from various details within the department were instrumental in piecing together this investigation.

Homicide investigators have identified Jorge Quintero Lara as the primary suspect in the murder of Ms. Luevano. Lara has been in the Maricopa County Jail on unrelated charges for the past several days. Lara now faces additional charges, including murder.

This is not the result anyone was hoping for. The Phoenix Police Department extends its deepest condolences to Ms. Luevano's family, loved ones and friends. We also thank the community for the support shown to the family and the police department over the past few days.

The focus will now be on continuing the investigation to ensure a successful prosecution of Lara and anyone else who may have been involved.