



620 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85003

MEDIA OPPORTUNITY

Silent Witness Press Conference

for

Leonel Pineda-Valdez

DATE: Wednesday January 17, 2024.
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
EVENT: Family of victim to address media
LOCATION: 620 W. Washington Street

The Phoenix Police Department, in conjunction with Silent Witness are asking for help in Identifying and better understand what led up to the violent murder of 27-year-old Leonel Pineda-Valdez. It has been well over a year since Leo was found fatally shot inside his vehicle in the area of 67th Avenue Thomas Road. With detectives still searching and family still mourning, community involvement may be the break this case needs.

Just after 11:00 p.m. on October 30, 2022, Phoenix police responded to a call of a shooting near 67th Avenue and Thomas Road. Officers arrived and found a vehicle crashed into a fence with Leo in the driver’s seat. Paramedics responded to this tragic scene and pronounced Leo deceased.

Detectives learned that Leo was in the parking lot of a Walgreens store located on the north west corner of the intersection. Witness described a verbal fight that had escalated to several rounds being fired from a gun. After the shooting, the vehicle Leo was in was seen driving across 67th Avenue and crash into a metal fence on the other side of the street. Witness’ told investigators that a suspect vehicle was seen leaving the area after the shooting.

Family members of Leo would like to share with the public how their loss has affected them personally. Silent Witness is strongly encouraging our amazing community to help shed light on what took place that Sunday Night in October. The Phoenix Police Department will be hosting members of Leonel’s family at 620 West Washington Street on January 17, 2024, promptly at 1:00 p.m.

Please email me at Brian.Bower@phoenix.gov if you plan to attend.

SPEAKERS:

- Leonarda Valdez (Mother)
- Mary Martinez (Fiancé)
- Danitza Pineda (Sister)
- Eduardo Pineda (Brother)

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Phoenix Police, PIO
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