



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: September 10, 2021 at about 12:45 a.m.
Incident: 2021-1411497
Location: 7th Avenue and Willetta Street
Victim: Adult Male, Deceased

Death Investigation

On September 10, 2021, at about 12:45 a.m., Phoenix Police responded to a call of a nude adult male in the area of North 7th Avenue and West Palm Lane. The 911 caller described the subject as running in the area while making incoherent statements. The first officers on the scene saw the male in the northbound lanes of 7th Avenue near Willetta Street. They noticed he was unclothed, acting erratically and making nonsensical statements.

Officers attempted to detain the man to safely remove him from the roadway. The man resisted the officers' attempts to place handcuffs in him, resulting in the officers containing him on the ground. Additional help was requested, and several officers responded. While on the ground, the subject began to kick and spit. He was placed in handcuffs behind his back. Officers applied a restraint to his legs and placed a spit mask over his head. The subject was placed on his side and officers requested the Phoenix Fire Department. The subject was assisted to his feet and helped over to the curb where officers put him in the seated position with his legs in front of him. Phoenix Fire arrived shortly after.

While paramedics were rendering aid, the subject became nonverbal and unresponsive. The handcuffs, leg restraint and spit mask were removed, and Phoenix Fire began lifesaving measures. The subject was transported to a local hospital where he was later pronounced deceased. The cause of death is undetermined at this time. There were no injuries to officers or other community members. The investigation is ongoing.