



**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:** December 9, 2021, 1:56 p.m.  
**Incident:** 2021- 1915661  
**Location:** 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Beardsley Road  
**Victim:** 38-year-old Stella Montes

## Homicide Investigation

Phoenix Police are investigating a homicide that occurred near 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Beardsley yesterday afternoon. Officers were called to the area located a vehicle that had collided with a wall. The driver, 38-year-old Stella Montes, was suffering from a gunshot wound. She was taken to a local hospital but did not survive.

It was reported that Montes was operating her vehicle near 7th Avenue and Beardsley when she was shot by a person in another vehicle after a traffic altercation. There is not a vehicle description available for release at this time.

This investigation is in the preliminary stages. Detectives are working to determine more information about what led up to the incident. If anyone was in the area yesterday, or has information, they are asked to call the Phoenix Police Department. If they would like to remain anonymous and be eligible for a cash reward, they can call Silent Witness at 480-WITNESS or 480-TESTIGO for Spanish.