



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: February 6, 2023, at about 7:30 a.m.
Incident: 2023-186706
Location: 4700 West Lavey Road
Victim: Adult Female, Serious Injuries
Victim: Adult Male, Serious Injuries
Suspect: Refugio Barraza Torres, 49-years-old, MCSO booking number T827774

West Valley Assault Leaves Two With Serious Injuries

(February 7, 2023) A man is behind bars after officers arrested him for intentionally assaulting a man and woman with a truck and then leaving the scene.

On February 6, 2023, around 7:30 a.m., Phoenix police officers responded to the area of 4700 West Lavey Road regarding a collision involving a truck and multiple pedestrians. When officers arrived, they found a man and woman with injuries. Both victims were transported to a local hospital with serious but non-life-threatening injuries. The vehicle involved in the collision left the scene. It was tracked to a nearby home where the driver, 49-year-old Refugio Barraza Torres, was detained.

Assault detectives responded to the scene to assume the investigation. The investigation revealed that Torres intentionally struck the two victims with his vehicle before taking off from the scene. Torres was booked into jail for multiple counts of aggravated assault. Specifics about what led up to the incident is part of the ongoing investigation. Investigators have not established a relationship between the victims and the Torres.

Sergeant Rob Scherer
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