



**Phoenix Police Department**  
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# MEDIA ADVISORY

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**Date:** January 2, 2024  
**Incident:** 2024-6031  
**Location:** 2820 West Kelton Lane  
**Victim:** Juvenile  
**Suspect:** Ernesto Moncada-Cota, 50-year-old, MCSO Booking #G069170

## **Teacher Booked for Inappropriate Relationship with Student**

(January 3, 2024) Phoenix Police detectives have booked a man for having an inappropriate relationship with one of his students at a north valley school.

On January 2, 2024, administrators for the Arizona Conservatory for the Arts and Academics Secondary school became aware of the possibility of inappropriate conduct that involved a student and one of the teachers of the school. Phoenix police officers responded and contacted the victim of the incident. Detectives ultimately took over the case and established probable cause to arrest the teacher, identified as 50-year-old Ernesto Moncada-Cota.

On January 2, 2024, Moncada-Cota was located and arrested. After being arrested, Moncada-Cota was booked into jail on multiple felony charges to include sexual misconduct with a minor. Additional details related to this case remain part of the ongoing investigation.

The Phoenix Police Department encourages all parents to discuss with their children the nature of what an appropriate and inappropriate relationship with an adult looks like. Also, we continue to ask for all students and faculty involved in the educational experience of all children, to say something if something is seen or heard.

*Sergeant Rob Scherer*  
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