



**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:** November 30, 2023 at about 7:00 p.m.  
**Incident:** 2023-1799659  
**Location:** 620 West Washington Street  
**Victim:** Benjamin Austin, 58-year-old, deceased

## **In Custody Death Investigation**

(December 4, 2023) Phoenix Police are investigating the death of an adult man while in police custody last week.

On November 29, 2023, 58-year-old Benjamin Austin was arrested and brought to Phoenix Police Headquarters at 620 West Washington Street and placed in an interview room for questioning. About 30 minutes later, Austin suffered a medical episode while in the interview room. Detectives administered medical aid while the Phoenix Fire Department responded to evaluate Austin's condition. Austin was transported to the hospital by the fire department.

On November 30, 2023, in the evening, Austin died while at the hospital. Detectives responded to take over the death investigation. As part of our transparency protocol a critical incident briefing video will be released within 14 days.

Sergeant Melissa Soliz  
Public Affairs Bureau