



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: January 3, 2023, around 10:15 p.m.
Incident: 2023-16579
Location: 1700 East Highland Avenue
Suspect: Troy Burke, 32-years-old, MCSO booking number T824820
Suspect: Unknown person

UPDATE: January 11, 2023

On January 10, 2023 the Phoenix Police Department's Property Crimes Unit along with the assistance of multiple officers from the South Mountain Precinct and the Desert Horizon Precinct developed probable cause to arrest Troy Burke in relation to this case. Troy was arrested and admitted to his involvement in this case. He was booked into jail on multiple felony charges to include theft and trafficking of stolen property. A portion of the statue has been recovered as part of the investigation.

This investigation is still ongoing as to the identity of the second suspect involved. Anyone who may have information regarding this incident is strongly encouraged to contact the Phoenix Police Department or Silent Witness (480-WITNESS or 480-TESTIGO for Spanish speakers).

Attached is a photograph of a portion of the destroyed statue.

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Detectives Seek Information About a Theft in Central Phoenix

(January 6, 2023) Phoenix police detectives are investigating a theft of a high value statue in the area of 17th Street and Highland Avenue.

On January 4, 2023 just before 1:00 p.m., officers responded to the area of 1700 East Highland Avenue regarding a theft investigation. Officers contacted employees of the Make-A-Wish Foundation regarding a statue that had been stolen from the front of their building.

Preliminary information indicates that on January 3, 2023 around 10:15 p.m. a white sedan parked near the location of the statue. Two people got out of the sedan and forcibly removed the statue from its fixed position. The statue was then placed in the vehicle and the suspects left the area.

The investigation remains active as detectives work to identify the suspects responsible for the theft. Anyone who may have information regarding this incident is strongly encouraged to contact the Phoenix Police Department or Silent Witness (480-WITNESS or 480-TESTIGO for Spanish speakers).

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