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Glendale Police Arrest Murder Suspect from Weekend Shooting

GLENDALE, AZ. – Glendale Police arrest 32-year-old Sammy Mendoza on murder charges for shooting and killing victim, 30- year-old Baseme Mirindi John, over the weekend.

On August 14, 2021, Glendale police responded to a shooting call in a parking lot near 59th Avenue and Northern Avenue. When officers arrived, they located the victim, Mirindi John, inside a vehicle and noticed he had been shot multiple times. Mirindi John was transported to a local hospital where he later died as a result of his injuries received from the shooting.

Officers learned the suspect, Mendoza, was leaving from a department store and got into his vehicle when Mirindi John, who was in another vehicle, backed into Mendoza. Investigators say Mendoza got out of his vehicle and he and Mirindi John exchanged words. Afterwards, Mendoza got back into his vehicle, Mirindi John pulled his vehicle forward, then reversed the vehicle and once again backed into Mendoza's vehicle. Mendoza got out of the car and shot Mirindi John multiple times before leaving the scene.

Officers obtained video surveillance footage that showed Mendoza leaving the scene and a license plate number was obtained. Through the plate information, Mendoza was tracked down by Glendale detectives later that evening and arrested. Mendoza was charged with one count of second degree murder and one count of prohibitor possessor.



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Suspect: Sammy Mendoza



Victim: Baseme Mirindi John



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