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## Detectives Make Arrest in Overnight Homicide

**Glendale, Ariz.** – A little after 11pm last night, Glendale Police Officers responded to a 911 call for service from a female indicating an adult male had been stabbed in the 4600 block of W. Rose Lane. Upon arrival, Glendale Police Officers located a 37 year old unresponsive male, with a stab wound to the body, outside of a residence. Officers began life saving measures until fire personnel arrived on scene. The male was treated at the scene and transported to a local valley hospital where he was later declared deceased. The victim has been positively identified, but his name will not be released until notifications are made to family.

The investigation revealed a verbal altercation had occurred between the male victim and another male subject from a nearby residence. At some point, the verbal altercation escalated into a physical struggle between the two males, resulting in one of males sustaining a stab wound to the body from an unknown object. The other involved male suspect fled the scene prior to police arrival.

An investigative lead in this case was located in less than an hour after the incident during a routine traffic stop by a Glendale Police Patrol Officer. The male subject was located riding a bike very rapidly with no reflectors, in violation of ARS 28-817, in the area of 67<sup>th</sup> and Olive. The officer was able to establish the subject's identity as 31 year old Christopher Martinez, a resident of Phoenix. Martinez had warrants for his arrest and was found to be in possession of a knife and drug pipe. The officer also noticed that Martinez had what appeared to be blood on his clothing. The officer immediately notified his command. Martinez matched the description witnesses provided of the suspect who fled the scene on Rose Lane.

Due to keen observation skills of a Glendale Police Patrol Officer, Christopher Martinez was taken into custody and interviewed for his involvement in the death of the male stabbing victim. This morning, Glendale Homicide Detectives diligently working the case developed probable cause for the arrest of Martinez for Murder. Christopher Martinez was booked into the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Jail late this morning for one count of 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Murder. Please contact MCSO for booking photo and Form IV.

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