

INTERIM COMPLAINT

STATE OF ARIZONA

Date 10/01/2025Court JusticePima County, State of Arizona

VS.

Francisco, Michael

No. Pima 6 1006

Defendant's Name (Please Print)

Precinct No. Pima 6 1006Arresting Agency Tucson Police DeptAgency Case No. [REDACTED]Arresting Officer [REDACTED]

BOND RECOMMENDATION

High Bond ☒ XLow Bond No Recommendation Hold Without Bond

INTERIM COMPLAINT: To be used only where necessary to comply with the provisions of Rule 4.1, Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure.

PLEASE PRINT CHARGING INFORMATION

The undersigned, having appeared personally and having been duly sworn does, upon information and belief, accuse Francisco, Michael of the crime(s)
of Homicide

committed on the 23 day of September, 20 25, in Pima County, in violation of
A.R.S. Section 13-1104 F1

Statute(s)

10/01/2025

Date

Offense Time/
Offense Location
Arrest Time/D
Arrest Location

7:11 PM 10/23/2025
[REDACTED]

PCSD

Name and Agency (Please Print)

Statement of Probable Cause:

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Date

Reporting Officer / Badge No. [REDACTED]

This court has found reasonable cause to believe that such offense was committed and that the defendant committed it.

10/1/25

Date

[Signature]
Justice of the Peace / Magistrate

Defendant's Name: Francisco, Michael

Agency Case No. [REDACTED]

Statement of Probable Cause continued:

On 09/23/2025 at 2116 hours a 911 call was received with reference to a stabbing on the bike path north of [REDACTED]. Officers responded and located a single victim with a stab wound to the torso area. The victim was transported to Banner UMC, and he was pronounced deceased shortly after. The victim was later identified as Enrique Mercado.

The victim belonged to cycling club called Tuesday Night Ride. Tonight's ride consisted of 100-150 riders. The cyclists rode to the area of River Loop and Mountain Avenue. They proceeded west bound on the bike path. The victim encountered a male suspect in the middle of the pathway (north of [REDACTED]). The victim got off his bike and had an altercation with the male. According to witnesses both the victim and the male tried to punch each other. The victim got back on his bike and rode north for a few feet then stopped and got off his bike. He then realized he had been stabbed. Cyclists stopped to assist the victim, provided medical intervention and called 911. The victim was stabbed to the left side of his torso.

The suspect was described as young Hispanic male, thin build, black mullet styled haircut, white tank top, dark pants, in his twenties and possibly homeless. The suspect ran into the wash area with 3-4 other unknown subjects.

On 09/28/2025 an interview was conducted with a witness. The witnesses stated at the time of the incident he was walking towards the bike path behind Walmart. He observed the victim riding his bike on the bike trail. A person named Mikey was standing in the middle of the bike path. The victim on the was yelling at Mikey. Mikey also started yelling at the victim. The victim and Mikey approached each other. The victim walked away, and Mikey turned around to grab something. Mikey walked towards the victim again. He did not see Mikey stabbing the victim, but the victim was stabbed. The description of Mikey given by the witness was similar to other witnesses statements.

On 09/30/2025 an interview was conducted with a subject who witnessed the incident. The witness stated the suspect in the incident was a person named Mikey. He witnessed the victim and Mikey physically fighting with each other. He saw Mikey with a knife in his hand when fighting with the victim. He observed Mikey thrust the knife at the victim. He was able to describe Mikey to investigators. The description was similar to the original suspect description. Mikey could not be identified at this time.

On 10/01/2025 a witness sent a photograph of Mikey to an officer. The photograph, according to the witness, was the same Mikey that was involved in the incident. Later in the morning the Mikey depicted in the photograph was taken into custody by Officer. The Subject was identified as Michael Francisco [REDACTED].

An Eyewitness to the incident was shown a photograph of Michael Francisco [REDACTED]. The witness stated the person depicted in the photograph was the same Mikey who stabbed the victim on the bike path on 09/23/2025.

Michael did not provide a statement.

Justification for Bond Recommendation: