

## **Robbery Turned Deadly in Tempe, AZ; ASU Student Murdered**

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Maricopa County Superior Court convicted 22-year-old Jose Luis Marquez of robbery and first-degree murder. [Marquez attempted to steal the purse of 21-year-old Kyleigh Sousa outside of an International House of Pancakes restaurant in May 2010.](#) But as he fled in his 2008 Dodge Charger, Marquez dragged Sousa, whose hands were entangled in her purse straps, 30 feet across the asphalt until she fell to the ground. Sousa sustained severe injuries which soon caused her death.

In Arizona, [robbery](#) is a violent crime; it varies from other theft crimes because it involves one person using force against another to obtain the other person's property. Because of robbery's violent nature, it is always charged as a felony in the state of AZ.

First-degree murder is defined in [A.R.S. 13-1105](#) as intending or knowing that your conduct will cause the death of another person with premeditation. First-degree murder can also be charged if you are acting either alone or with other parties, and you commit or attempt to commit robbery and in the course of the offense you or another causes death to any person.

It is likely that Marquez did not intend to kill a young college student, but his robbery attempt caused him to commit a far more serious crime than he may have originally intended, and he may now face life in prison for his crimes.

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