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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Christopher Wright Pleads Guilty to First Degree Murder in Deaths of His Wife and Man Who Offered Aide**

PHOENIX— One February 23<sup>rd</sup> Christopher Wright (D.O.B. 08/29/1977) plead guilty to two counts of 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Murder for shooting and killing his wife, Nasbah Laverne Wright and a good Samaritan who stopped to help, Tomas Ornelas.

“This plea ensures the defendant will be held accountable for his actions in the unjustified taking of innocent human life. His continuing crass attitude towards the harm he caused to other family members and the loss to our community calls for significant punishment,” said Maricopa County Attorney Bill Montgomery.

On May 31, 2016 Nasbah Wright called police while trying to prevent her husband from taking her vehicle, a call that was suddenly ended. When police called back, Nasbah Wright said she was in the car with her husband before the call again disconnected. A short time later, Nasbah Wright called police a final time, telling them she was along the 202 Freeway and her husband was going to shoot her.

When officers arrived they found Christopher Wright near a pick-up truck where the body of his wife was found, along with another man who had been shot and would later die from his injuries.

Christopher Wright admitted to investigators he had been fighting with his wife and decided to crash the vehicle they were in to try and kill her. After the crash his wife ran from their vehicle to a stopped white truck nearby asking for help. Christopher Wright then grabbed a gun and walked up to the truck, shooting the man in the driver’s seat, later identified as Tomas Orneals, and then shot and killed his wife.

Sentencing in this case is scheduled for April 28, 2017.