

Sheriff: Foal found dead with gunshot wounds along river

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MESA, Ariz. (AP) — Authorities say at least one of the wild horses living along the Salt River on the eastern outskirts of the Phoenix area has been shot and killed.

The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office says deputies found a dead foal with gunshot wounds during a search Saturday after witnesses reported seeing a person shooting at three horses Friday.

Citing the witnesses' accounts, the Sheriff's Office says it believes two other horses may be injured or dead.

According to the Sheriff's Office, the person shooting at the horses with either a rifle or shotgun was wearing black shorts and a dark green shirt.

The Sheriff's Office says two other people reportedly were accompanying the shooting when the incident occurred on the Tonto National Forest at a location called Pirates Island.