



Phoenix Police Department
Public Affairs Bureau
620 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85003



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: November 23, 2025, around 3:16 a.m.
Incident: 2025-1690000
Location: 2700 North 67th Avenue
Victim: Juan Andres Ortiz, 38-year-old, deceased
Suspect: Andy Lepe, 19-year-old, MCSO Booking #G220290

Overnight Collision Leaves One Dead One in Jail

(November 23, 2025) Phoenix Police detectives are investigating a west valley collision that left a man dead and landed another man in jail.

On November 23, 2025, around 3:15 a.m., officers responded to the area of 67th Avenue and Virginia Avenue regarding collision resulting in injuries. When officers arrived, they located an adult male driver of one of the vehicles involved, identified as 38-year-old Juan Andres Ortiz, with serious injuries. Life saving measures were attempted, however Ortiz did not survive his injuries and was pronounced deceased on scene. Two other adults were found to have been injured and both were transported to nearby hospitals for treatment. The driver of the other vehicle involved, identified as 19-year-old Andy Lepe, was also contacted and showed signs of impairment.

Detectives responded to take over the investigation. The preliminary investigation indicates that the vehicle driven by Lepe was northbound on 67th Avenue when the vehicle driven by Ortiz made a left turn onto Virginia Avenue from southbound 67th Avenue. It was during this turn that the two vehicles collided. The investigation revealed that the vehicle driven by Lepe was driving at a high rate of speed with no headlights on just prior to the collision. Lepe was processed for being impaired at the time of the collision. Charges related to this portion of the investigation will be completed upon the toxicology results becoming available. Lepe was arrested and was booked on multiple charges related to his investigation, to include manslaughter, aggravated assault, and endangerment. Additional details about the collision remain part of the ongoing investigation.

Sergeant Rob Scherer
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