



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: April 19, 2025, around 3:10 p.m.
Incident: 2025-575245
Location: 3500 West Lower Buckeye Road
Victim: Omar Meraz Hernandez 14-year-old, deceased

UPDATE: April 21, 2025

The teen victim in this case has been identified as Omar Meraz Hernandez.

Sergeant Lorraine Fernandez
Public Affairs Bureau

Midday Collision Leaves Teen Dead and Two Adults Hospitalized

(April 19, 2025) Phoenix Police detectives are investigating a midday collision that two hospitalized and a teenager dead.

On April 19, 2025, around 3:10 p.m., officers responded to the area of 35th Avenue and Lower Buckeye Road regarding a collision where a vehicle struck a pole. When officers arrived, they located the single vehicle involved in the collision and it's three occupants. The adult male driver and adult female passenger were both transported to a nearby hospital with life-threatening injuries. The juvenile (teen) male passenger was also transported to a nearby hospital but did not survive his injuries and was pronounced deceased.

Detectives responded to take over the investigation. Preliminary information suggests the vehicle driven by the adult male was southbound on 35th Avenue when the vehicle lost control and left the roadway striking a nearby pole. Impairment is not believed to be a factor in this collision. Additional details about the collision remain part of the ongoing investigation.

Sergeant Rob Scherer
Public Affairs Bureau