



Phoenix Police Department
Public Affairs Bureau
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MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: June 28, 2025, at about 1:41 a.m.
Incident: 2025-944638
Location: Dysart Road & Buckeye Road in the City of Avondale
Victim: Julian Lugo-Estrada, 16-year-old, deceased
Victim: Sergio Lara-Garcia, 18-year-old, deceased

Phoenix Traffic Stop Ends in Deadly Crash in Avondale

(June 28, 2025) A suspect failed to pull over for Phoenix police officers during an attempted traffic stop in west Phoenix. The vehicle drove into Avondale city limits where it crashed and burst into flames. Both the juvenile passenger and adult male driver died after being treated at the hospital.

Early Saturday morning on June 28th, officers attempted to stop a car seen driving recklessly near 99th Avenue and Buckeye Road. The driver, later identified as Sergio Lara-Garcia, refused to stop and fled from officers. The Phoenix Police helicopter responded and was able to follow the suspect vehicle into the City of Avondale. As the car was driving south on Dysart Road from the I-10 Freeway, it approached Buckeye Road at a high rate of speed. The vehicle lost control as it passed over the railroad tracks and crashed into a local business. This resulted in the vehicle and building bursting into flames.

Both Phoenix and Avondale police officers quickly responded and extracted the driver and the passenger from the vehicle. The fire department also responded, extinguished the fire, and transported both occupants to the hospital. The passenger identified as 16-year-old Julian Lugo-Estrada was not able to overcome his critical injuries and died at the hospital. The driver, Lara-Garcia also passed away at the hospital.

Phoenix vehicle crimes detectives responded to the scene of the collision and took over the investigation.

Sergeant Brian Bower
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