



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: February 27, 2025, at about 6:09 a.m.
Incident: 2025-299890
Location: 3500 West Peoria Avenue
Victim: Aaron Hornedo, 36-year-old male, deceased
Suspect: Deena Jean Marie Kneece, 19-year-old, MCSO Booking #G162281

UPDATE: March 11, 2025

A short time after detectives concluded the scene investigation, they began to work on all avenues of follow-up. This investigative work led to a possible suspect being identified as 19-year-old Deena Kneece. Kneece was contacted and interviewed regarding this incident. She admitted to being in the area and being involved in a collision. Ultimately, Kneece was arrested and charged with one count of leaving the scene of accident resulting in a death. The accident reconstruction process continues in this case.

Sergeant Rob Scherer
Public Affairs Bureau

Detectives Seek Two Vehicles in Fatal Hit and Run

(February 28, 2025) Detectives are looking for two different vehicles that left the area of 35th Avenue and Peoria after hitting and killing an adult man crossing the street in north Phoenix early Thursday morning.

At about 6:09 a.m. Thursday morning, officers responded to a collision involving a pedestrian and an unknown vehicle at the intersection of 35th Avenue and Peoria Avenue. Once on scene, patrol officers found the adult male victim suffering from serious injuries. Phoenix Fire responded to the scene and took him to a nearby hospital where he was not able to overcome his injuries and died. The vehicles involved left the area before police officers got to the scene.

Detectives responded to the scene and learned that the pedestrian who was identified as 36-year-old Aaron Hornedo was attempting to walk across the marked crosswalk of 35th Avenue at Peoria Avenue when he was hit. Additional information was learned that two vehicles had struck Hornedo while he was in the roadway. Both vehicles left the area, detectives are following up on all leads and ask that anyone with information about this incident call into Silent Witness to provided anonymous tips. 480-WITNESS.

Sergeant Brian Bower
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