



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: February 23, 2025, at about 1:22 a.m.
Incident: 2025-277585
Location: 4500 North 51st Avenue
Victim: Rafaela Montes-Garcia, 44-year-old female, deceased

Fatal Crash Investigated in West Phoenix

(February 23, 2025) Detectives respond to a fatal crash early Sunday morning in west Phoenix that took the life of a 44-year-old woman.

At about 1:22 a.m., officers responded to a collision involving a pedestrian and an SUV at the intersection of 51st Avenue and Campbell Avenue. Once on scene, patrol officers found the adult female victim suffering from serious injuries. Phoenix Fire responded to the scene and had confirmed her death. The adult female driver of the SUV stayed on scene and spoke with detectives.

Detectives learned that the pedestrian who was identified as 44-year-old Rafaela Montes-Garcia was attempting to walk across 51st Avenue, just outside of the marked cross walk, when she was hit by the SUV. Additional details concerning this incident are part of an ongoing investigation.

Sergeant Brian Bower
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