



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: April 3, 2023 just before 11 a.m.
Incident: 2023-494461
Location: 4400 West Thomas Road
Victim: Tomas Gonzalez, 82-year-old male, deceased

Hit and Run Traffic Fatality in West Phoenix

(April 3, 2023): Phoenix police are investigating a hit and run traffic collision that resulted in the death of a man.

Phoenix police officers responded to a call of a serious vehicle collision near 43rd Avenue and Thomas Road. When officers arrived, they found a man, later identified as 82-year-old Tomas Gonzalez, laying on the roadway with obvious signs of trauma. The fire department responded to treat Gonzalez, but he was pronounced deceased on scene. Officers secured the area and spoke to witnesses who told them two vehicles were involved in the collision and drove off towards 43rd Avenue. Officers checked the surrounding area but were unable to locate the vehicles.

Detectives responded to the scene and learned Gonzalez was crossing Thomas Road in the crosswalk when he was struck by a black passenger vehicle that was heading eastbound on Thomas Road. Witnesses told detectives there was a second white vehicle involved but it is unknown if the vehicle struck Gonzalez. Both vehicles continued eastbound on Thomas Road and left the area.

The investigation remains active as detectives continue to process the evidence and look for surveillance video. Currently, no arrests have been made. Anyone with information can contact the Phoenix Police Department or Silent Witness if they wish to remain anonymous.