



**Phoenix Police Department**  
**Public Affairs Bureau**  
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# MEDIA ADVISORY

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**Date/Time:** October 8, 2023 around 01:05 a.m.  
**Incident:** 2023-1527526  
**Location:** 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and McDowell Road  
**Victim:** Flavio Ortiz, 49-year-old male, deceased

## Early Morning Collision Leaves One Passenger Dead

(October 8, 2023): Phoenix Police are searching for a hit and run suspect involved in a collision at 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and McDowell Road that left a man dead.

Officers responded to a serious vehicle collision at 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and McDowell Road just after 1:00 am. When officers arrived, they found two vehicles involved in the collision. One of the vehicles, a black SUV, was found unoccupied. The second vehicle, a grey SUV, was occupied by four adults. The fire department arrived and transported all four occupants to the hospital. One of the passengers, 49-year-old Flavio Ortiz, later died from his injuries at the hospital. The three other occupants are expected to survive.

Detectives arrived at the scene and took over the investigation. Detectives later learned the gray SUV was making a left hand turn from 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to head west on McDowell Road when it collided with the black SUV that was heading southbound on 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.

The suspect in this case remains outstanding. Anyone with information is encouraged to call Phoenix Police or Silent Witness if they wish to remain anonymous.

*Sergeant Phil Krynsky*  
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