



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: December 14, 2023 at about 9:05 p.m.
Incident: 2023-1878648
Location: 1400 North 48th Street
Victim: Ralph Shepard Jr, 44-year-old, deceased

Detectives Investigate Fatal Motorcycle Collision

(December 15, 2023) Phoenix police detectives are investigating a fatal hit and run collision involving a vehicle and a motorcyclist near 48th Street and McDowell Road.

Just after 9:00 p.m., on December 14, 2023, officers responded to a call of a collision near 1400 North 48th Street. When officers got to the scene, they found a man suffering life-threatening critical injuries. The man was taken to the hospital where he was not able to survive his injuries.

Detectives responded and took over this investigation. It was learned that 44-year-old Ralph Shepard Jr. was riding his motorcycle north on 48th Street and hit a black colored car that made a left turn in front of him. Shepard was then struck by a second vehicle who was also driving north on 48th Street. The driver for the second vehicle stayed on scene and showed no signs of impairment. The suspect car was last seen driving east through an ally near Willetta Street with damage to the passenger side of the car.

Detectives are encouraging the community to call into Silent Witness with any information that could lead to an arrest of the suspect involved. Callers can dial 480-WITNESS or 480-TESTIGO to provide a tip, all callers will stay anonymous.

Sergeant Brian Bower
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