

Phoenix Police Department

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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: August 17, 2024 around 4:15 a.m.

Incident: 2024-1207943

Location: 5900 West Encanto Boulevard

Victim: Anamarie Leach, 15-year-old female, deceased

Teenager Dies in West Phoenix Collision

(August 17, 2024): Phoenix police are investigating a fatal single-vehicle collision that left a female juvenile dead and another male teenager injured.

Officers were called to a vehicle collision around 4:15 a.m. near 59th Avenue and Encanto Boulevard. When officers arrived, they found two people trapped inside a vehicle on its side that went off the road and collided into a large tree. Officers and firefighters worked to extricate a teenaged male and a teenaged female. Both occupants were transported to the hospital by fire. The female driver, 15-year-old Anamarie Leach, later died from her injuries at the hospital. The male passenger was treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

Detectives responded to investigate the collision and speak to witnesses. Preliminary information suggests the vehicle was traveling at a high rate of speed eastbound on Encanto Boulevard when Leach lost control of the car and went off of the roadway and crashed into chain link fencing then into a large tree. The investigation remains active as detectives continue to process the evidence and awaits the findings of the Office of the Medical Examiner.

Sergeant Phil Krynsky Public Affairs Bureau