



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: December 30, 2025, around 5:05 a.m.
Incident: 2025-1860229
Location: 4100 North Central Avenue
Victim: Mario Dircio-Castrejon, 28-year-old, deceased

Early Morning Collision Leaves Man Dead

(December 30, 2025) Phoenix Police detectives are investigating a central Phoenix collision, involving the light rail, that left a man dead.

On December 30, 2025, around 5:05 a.m., officers responded to the area of Central Avenue and Indian School Road regarding a collision involving a vehicle and the light rail. When officers arrived, they located the driver of the vehicle involved identified as 28-year-old Mario Dircio-Castrejon, Dircio-Castrejon was seriously injured and died at the scene.

The light rail involved was occupied by several passengers. In total, three of these passengers, to include the light rail operator, were transported to a nearby hospital for precautionary reasons.

Detectives responded to take over the investigation. The preliminary investigation indicates that the Dircio-Castrejon was traveling eastbound on Indian School Road when he failed to stop for the red light at Central and collided with the southbound light rail. Additional details about the collision remain part of the ongoing investigation.

Sergeant Rob Scherer
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