



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: May 7, 2026, around 9:54 p.m.
Incident: 2026-628761
Location: 3600 South 7th Street
Victim: Valyn Benally, 36-year-old, deceased

Fatal Hit and Run Collision

On May 7, 2026, at approximately 9:54 p.m., officers responded to the area of 7th Street and Elwood Street regarding a collision involving a pedestrian. When officers arrived, they located an adult male pedestrian, identified as 36-year-old Valyn Benally, with serious injuries. Benally did not survive and was pronounced deceased on scene. The vehicle involved in the collision fled the area.

Detectives responded and assumed responsibility for the investigation. The preliminary investigation indicates that Benally was attempting to cross 7th Street mid-block when he was struck by a northbound vehicle. The vehicle left the area prior to police arrival. Additional details about the collision remain part of the ongoing investigation.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Phoenix Police Department or call Silent Witness at 480-WITNESS or 480-TESTIGO to provide an anonymous tip. Rewards may be available for information leading to an arrest in this case.

Sergeant Rob Scherer
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