



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: April 8, 2026, at about 7:48 a.m.
Incident: 2026-477975
Location: 7800 South 35th Avenue
Victim: Melissa Pennington 51-year-old woman, deceased

UPDATE: April 14, 2026

The victim in this crash was identified as 51-year-old Melissa Pennington.

Sergeant Jen Zak
Public Affairs Bureau

Fatal Collision

On April 8th, 2026, at approximately 7:48 a.m., officers responded to the area of 35th Avenue and Baseline Road for a reported collision. Upon arrival, officers located an adult female pedestrian with serious injuries. She was transported by Phoenix Fire Personnel to a local hospital where she later died. The driver of the truck involved remained on scene and was also transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Detectives from the Vehicular Crimes Unit responded and assumed the investigation. Preliminary information indicates the driver lost control of the truck, causing it to leave the roadway and strike a tree. The truck then rolled over and hit a pedestrian in the park. The driver was evaluated for impairment and showed no signs of being impaired. Speed may be a contributing factor.

This investigation remains ongoing. Any potential charges will be determined upon the completion of the investigation.

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