



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: May 18, 2026, at about 5:36 a.m.
Incident: 2026-681600
Location: 5100 West Van Buren Street
Victim: Melvin R Johnson, 58-years-old, deceased

Fatal Collision

At around 5:36 a.m., officers responded to the area of 51st Avenue and Van Buren Street regarding a collision involving a pedestrian. When officers arrived, they located an adult male, later identified as 58-year-old Melvin R Johnson, unresponsive. The Phoenix Fire Department arrived on the scene and pronounced Johnson deceased. The driver of the vehicle involved remained at the scene.

Detectives from the Vehicular Crimes Unit responded to assume and process the scene. Preliminary information indicates Johnson was walking southbound on 51st Avenue when he attempted to cross Van Buren Street against the light and was struck by the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle was evaluated for impairment; however, no signs were observed. Additional information related to this incident remains a part of the ongoing investigation.

Sergeant Lorraine Fernandez
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