



**Phoenix Police Department**  
**Public Affairs Bureau**  
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# MEDIA ADVISORY

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**Date/Time:** June 7, 2026, at about 9:38 p.m.  
**Incident:** 2026-785580  
**Location:** 12400 North Black Canyon Access Road  
**Victim:** Mathew James Russell, 33-year-old, deceased

## Fatal Collision

Around 9:38 p.m., officers responded to the area of Black Canyon Access and Deer Valley Road regarding a single-vehicle collision involving a motorcycle. When officers arrived, they located the adult male driver of the motorcycle, later identified as 33-year-old Mathew James Russell, who was unresponsive. The Phoenix Fire Department arrived on the scene and transported Russell to a nearby hospital, where he was pronounced deceased.

Detectives from the Vehicular Crimes Unit responded to assume and process the scene. Preliminary information indicates Russell was traveling northbound on the access road at a high rate of speed when he failed to navigate a curve in the road and collided with the raised barrier. Additional information related to this incident remains a part of the ongoing investigation.

*Sergeant Lorraine Fernandez*  
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