



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



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# MEDIA ADVISORY

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**Date/Time:** March 20, 2026, at about 11:37 a.m.  
**Incident:** 2026-380846  
**Location:** 4200 West Orangetown Avenue  
**Victim:** Maria Leal, 75-years-old, deceased

## Fatal Hit and Run Collision

Around 11:37 a.m., officers responded to the area of 42nd Avenue and Orangetown Avenue regarding a collision involving a pedestrian. When officers arrived, they located an adult female later identified as Maria Leal in critical condition. The Phoenix Fire Department arrived on the scene and transported Leal to a nearby hospital, where she was pronounced deceased.

Detectives from the Vehicular Crimes Unit responded to assume and process the investigation. Preliminary information indicates Leal was attempting to enter the passenger side of a parked vehicle on the north side of the road. One vehicle slowed to give her room, but a second vehicle attempted to pass by driving between the two vehicles, hitting Leal. After the collision the vehicle did not stop and fled the scene. Additional information related to this incident remains a part of the ongoing investigation. Anyone with information is encouraged to call the police or SILENT WITNESS at 480(WITNESS) or 480(TESTIGO).

*Sergeant Lorraine Fernandez*  
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