



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: January 26, 2026, at about 3:57 a.m.

Incident: 2026-117581

Location: 4800 West Lower Buckeye Road

Victim: Delfino, Mota Jr., 48-year-old-man, deceased

Early Morning Crash Leaves One Man Dead

(January 26, 2026) Detectives are investigating a crash with a city bus that left one man, identified as 48-year-old Delfino Mota Jr., dead.

Around 3:57 a.m., officers responded to the area of 4800 West Lower Buckeye Road regarding a crash with a pickup truck and a city bus. When officers arrived, they located an adult man with serious injuries. Phoenix Fire Department personnel arrived on the scene and transported the man to a nearby hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

Detectives from the Vehicular Crimes Unit are investigating the crash. Preliminary reports indicate the Mota Jr., tried to pass traffic using the two-way left turn lane, swerved to avoid another vehicle, entered oncoming traffic, and collided head-on with the bus. The bus driver was not hurt and there were no passengers on board. Any additional details about this incident are all part of the ongoing investigation.

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