



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: February 8, 2026, at about 4:18 p.m.
Incident: 2026-174179
Location: 1600 East Baseline Road
Victim: Xavier Munoz Rojel 33-year-old-man, deceased

Fatal Collision

On February 8, 2026, around 4:18 p.m., officers responded to the area of 1600 East Baseline Road following reports of a collision involving a motorcycle. Upon arrival, officers located a motorcycle and a van involved in the crash. Phoenix Fire personnel arrived on scene and pronounced the motorcycle rider, later identified as 33-year-old Xavier Munoz Rojel, deceased. An adult female passenger from the van was transported with non-life-threatening injuries, and two children from the van were taken to a local hospital as a precaution.

Detectives from the Vehicular Crimes Unit responded to assume the investigation and process the scene. Preliminary information indicates the motorcycle was traveling at a speed greater than the normal flow of traffic. As the motorcycle approached the intersection, the van made a left turn, resulting in a collision. Speed appears to be a contributing factor. The van's driver showed no signs of impairment, and it is not yet known whether impairment played a role for the motorcyclist. Any final charging decisions will be made upon completion of the investigation.

*Sergeant Jen Zak
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