



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: September 21, 2024, around 12:33 a.m.
Incident: 2024-1392548
Location: 5000 North 16th Street
Victim: Dillon Mares, 29-year-old, deceased
Suspect: Travis Smith, 24-year-old, MCSO Booking #G129394

UPDATE: September 22, 2024

On September 22, 2024, an adult male, identified as 24-year-old Travis Smith, contacted the Phoenix Police Department stating that he was the driver involved in this collision and he admitted to running from the scene. Smith was arrested and interviewed about the incident. He was taken to a nearby hospital as he had suffered injuries during the collision. He was medically cleared and booked into jail on several charges to include manslaughter and leaving the scene of a collision resulting in death or a serious injury. This remains an ongoing investigation.

Sergeant Rob Scherer
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Detectives Searching for Driver After Fatal Hit and Run Collision

(September 21, 2024) Phoenix Police detectives are investigating a hit and run collision that left a man dead and another person on the run.

On September 21, 2024, around 12:30 a.m., officers responded to the area of 16th Street and Camelback Road regarding a hit and run collision where someone was injured. When officers arrived, they located an adult male, identified as 29-year-old Dillon Mares, with serious injuries. Fire personnel arrived and attempted life saving measures, but Mares did not survive his injuries and was pronounced deceased on scene. The at fault vehicle involved in the collision was on scene, but the driver took off on foot from the area prior to police arrival.

Detectives responded to take over the investigation. Preliminary information suggests that the at fault vehicle was southbound on 16th Street when it ran the red light at Camelback Road and struck the vehicle driven by Mares, which was westbound through the intersection. Additional details about the

collision remain part of the ongoing investigation. Anyone with information is asked to call Silent Witness at 480(WITNESS) or 480(TESTIGO) and provide an anonymous tip. Rewards will be paid for information leading to an arrest in this case.

*Sergeant Rob Scherer
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