



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: December 19, 2024, at about 9:05 p.m.
Incident: 2024-1864217
Location: 7700 North 43rd Avenue
Victim: Adam Bates, 37-year-old, deceased
Suspect: Richard McKinney, 46-year-old, Booked MCSO G148112

Driver Arrested After Fatal Crash

(December 20, 2024) Detectives are investigating a three-car crash that resulted in the death of an adult passenger late Thursday night.

Just after 9:00 p.m., officers responded to a collision involving three vehicles in the area of 7700 North 43rd Avenue. When officers got to the scene, they found the victim suffering critical injuries. Phoenix Fire personnel responded to the scene and confirmed 37-year-old Adam Bates died on scene as a result of the crash.

Detectives responded to the scene and took over the investigation. Investigators learned Bates was a passenger in the second involved vehicle which was driving north on 43rd Avenue when it was struck by an SUV also driving north. After being hit, the car Bates was in spun into opposing traffic and hit a third car driving south. The driver of the SUV was taken to the hospital and later booked into jail for several counts to include manslaughter, aggravated assault and endangerment.

Sergeant Brian Bower
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