



**Phoenix Police Department**  
**Public Affairs Bureau**  
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# MEDIA ADVISORY

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**Date/Time:** May 28, 2023 just after 4 a.m.  
**Incident:** 2023-809450  
**Location:** 71<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Thomas Road  
**Victim:** Rubi Lopez Lopez, 23-year-old female, deceased  
**Suspect:** Saul Figueroa, 18-year-old male, booked

## **Fatal Hit and Run in West Phoenix**

(May 28, 2023): Phoenix police are investigating a hit and run that resulted in the death of a woman and a man in custody facing homicide charges.

Phoenix police officers responded to a call of a serious vehicle collision just after 4 a.m. at 71<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Thomas Road. When officers arrived, they found a woman lying on the roadway and two vehicles involved in a collision. The fire department arrived and provided medical aid to the woman, later identified as 23-year-old Rubi Lopez Lopez, who was later pronounced deceased on scene.

The driver in Lopez's vehicle received minor injuries and did not require hospitalization. The driver of the second vehicle got into another uninvolved car and left the scene. Patrol officers interviewed witnesses and were able to locate the driver, 18-year old Saul Figueroa, who was taken into custody at his home.

Detectives responded to the scene and learned the vehicle Lopez was in was heading eastbound on Thomas Road and crossed 71<sup>st</sup> Avenue on a green light just before the collision. Figueroa's vehicle was heading northbound on 71<sup>st</sup> Avenue and ran the red light before crashing into Lopez's vehicle. Figueroa was believed to be impaired while driving the vehicle.

The investigation remains active as detectives continue to process the evidence. Figueroa was booked on manslaughter charges.

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