



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: August 19, 2023 just before 9:30 p.m.
Incident: 2023-1267901
Location: 3800 West Southern Avenue
Victim: Lesli Vega Bolanos, 19-year-old female, deceased

A Two-Vehicle Traffic Collision Leaves One Woman Dead

(August 20, 2023): Phoenix police are investigating a collision that occurred after two vehicles crashed while drag racing. One woman is dead, four were transported to the hospital, and power was off in the surrounding area.

Phoenix police officers responded to a serious collision involving two vehicles around 9:30 pm near 39th Avenue and Southern Avenue. When officers arrived, they found two vehicles in the roadway. One of the vehicles had rolled over and another had crashed into a fence.

The fire department arrived and extricated two men from the vehicle that rolled over. Another passenger in the vehicle, 19-year-old Lesli Vega Bolanos, was partially ejected and died from her injuries on scene. The two men were transported to the hospital as one of them suffered life-threatening injuries. The driver and passenger of the other vehicle suffered minor injuries and were transported to the hospital for treatment.

Detectives responded to investigate the collision and learned from witnesses the two vehicles were racing westbound on Southern Avenue just before they collided. A witness estimated the vehicles were in excess of 80 mph. After the initial collision, one of the vehicles took out a electrical pole and power was lost in the surrounding area.

The investigation remains active as detectives continue to piece together evidence from this incident.

Sergeant Phil Krynsky
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