



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: November 4, 2023, around 8:26 a.m.
Incident: 2023-1671400
Location: 2000 North 83rd Avenue
Victim: Paul Lopez, 51-year-old, deceased
Victim: Infant child, non-life-threatening injury

Mid-Morning Collision Leaves Man Dead Infant Hospitalized

(November 4, 2023) Phoenix Police detectives are investigating a west valley collision which left a man dead and an infant in the hospital.

On November 4, 2023, around 8:30 a.m., officers responded to the area of 83rd Avenue and Palm Lane regarding a single vehicle collision into a tree. When officers arrived, they located the vehicle involved and the adult male driver, identified as 51-year-old Paul Lopez, with serious injuries. Lopez did not survive his injuries and was pronounced deceased on scene. An infant was also in the vehicle at the time of the collision and was transported to a local hospital for precautionary reasons only. The child was in a car seat at the time of the collision.

Detectives responded to take over the investigation. Preliminary information suggests that Lopez was traveling southbound on 83rd Avenue when, for unknown reasons, his vehicle veered into the raised median and struck a tree. All other details about what led up to the collision will be determined through the accident reconstruction process. The relationship between Lopez and the infant remains part of the ongoing investigation.

Sergeant Rob Scherer
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