



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

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**Date/Time:** June 5, 2023 at 4:35 a.m.  
**Incident:** 2023-853540  
**Location:** 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Elwood Street  
**Victim:** Goliath Cortez, 34-year-old, deceased

## Fatal Collision

(June 5, 2023) Phoenix police detectives are investigating a collision that occurred this morning that left a man dead.

On June 5, 2023 just after 4:30 a.m., officers responded to a call of a collision involving two vehicles near 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Elwood Street. Early information indicates a car going south on 16<sup>th</sup> Street crossed over into the northbound lanes and collided head on with a pickup truck. The driver of the car suffered serious injuries and was transported to the hospital where he later died. The driver was identified as 34-year-old Goliath Cortez. Any impairment will be determined in his postmortem examination. The driver and passenger of the pickup truck suffered minor injuries. The driver remained on scene. Impairment is not believed to be a factor.

Detectives responded to take over the investigation. This remains an ongoing investigation.

*Sergeant Melissa Soliz*  
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