



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: November 1, 2023, at about 5:36 a.m.
Incident: 2023-1654150
Location: 2800 West Thunderbird Road
Victim: Eli Johnson, 93-year-old, deceased

Elderly Man Killed in Fatal Crash

(November 1, 2023) An elderly man was killed after being hit by a car in north Phoenix Wednesday morning while walking across Thunderbird Road.

Phoenix Police responded to the intersection of 28th Avenue and Thunderbird Road on November 1, 2023, at about 5:36 a.m. to investigate a serious collision involving a car and a pedestrian. When officers got to the scene, they found a man, identified as 93-year-old Eli Johnson, suffering from serious life-threatening injuries. Johnson was taken to the hospital where he was pronounced deceased by medical staff. The driver of the car, an adult female, stayed on scene and did not show any signs of impairment.

Detectives responded and learned from witness's that the victim was crossing Thunderbird Road south in the marked cross walk against the do not walk signal when hit by an eastbound SUV. Additional details related to the incident remain part of the ongoing investigation.

Sergeant Brian Bower
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