



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: October 16, 2024 around 1:30 a.m.
Incident: 2024-1526300
Location: 10200 North Cave Creek Road
Victim: Gary Helton, 42-year-old male, deceased

Man on Gas Powered Scooter Killed in Head-on Collision

(October 16, 2024): Phoenix police are investigating a fatal collision involving a vehicle and a gas-powered scooter leaving a man dead.

Officers were called to a vehicle collision around 1:30 a.m. near Cave Creek Road and Cheryl Drive. When officers arrived, they found a man lying on the ground and suffering from obvious signs of trauma. Officers also found a vehicle stopped in the roadway with the driver standing nearby. Officers were told a man, later identified as 42-year-old Gary Helton, was riding a gas-powered scooter on Cave Creek Road when it collided with a vehicle head on. Helton treated by fire but died from his injuries on scene.

Detectives responded to investigate the collision and to speak with witnesses. Preliminary information suggests both Helton and the passenger vehicle were driving on the left hand turn only lane towards each other until they collided head-on. Detectives completed an evaluation on the driver of the vehicle and determined the driver was impaired. The driver was later released.

The investigation remains active as detectives continue to process the evidence. A charging decision will be made once the investigation is complete.

Sergeant Phil Krynsky
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