



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: July 4, 2024 just before 6:30 a.m.
Incident: 2024-972594
Location: 17500 North 16th Street
Victim: Samuel Martinez, 24-year-old male, deceased

Single-Vehicle Collision Leaves One Man Dead

(July 4, 2024): Phoenix police is investigating a fatal traffic collision involving a single vehicle that crashed into a block wall resulting in a fatality.

Officers were called to a vehicle collision just before 6:30 a.m. in the area of 16th Street and Campo Bello Drive. When officers arrived, they found a vehicle crashed into a wall with the driver unconscious inside. The fire department responded and transported the man, later identified as 24-year-old Samuel Martinez, to the hospital where he later died. There was also a report of a gas leak which was closed off a short time later.

Detectives responded to investigate the collision and speak to witnesses. Preliminary information suggests Martinez was the driver of the vehicle, and possibly impaired, when the vehicle went off the roadway and crashed into a block wall. The case remains active as detectives continue to process the evidence collected and await the findings of Martinez's post-mortem exam.

Sergeant Phil Krynsky
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