

## **Phoenix Police Department**

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



## MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: February 26, 2024 around 10:15 a.m.

Incident: 2024-286871

Location: 4400 North 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Victim: Nathan Soto, 25-year-old male, deceased

## Single Vehicle Crash Leaves One Man Dead

(February 26, 2024): Phoenix police are investigating a fatal collision that occurred this morning that left a man dead and another man in the hospital.

Officers responded to a serious vehicle collision near 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Roma Avenue. When officers arrived, they found a vehicle that collided with a wooden utility pole. The pole had toppled over, causing live power lines to fall on top of the vehicle. Witnesses were able to remove the driver from the car before police arrived, however, there was no access to the passenger due to the downed power lines. As a result of the collision, power was temporarily out to the surrounding area.

The utility company responded and made the area safe. Firefighters were able to extricate the passenger from the vehicle. Both men were transported to the hospital with life-threatening injuries. The driver, later identified as 25-year-old Nathan Soto, died from his injuries at the hospital. The passenger continues to receive treatment at the hospital.

Detectives responded to investigate the collision and learned the vehicle was driving at a high rate of speed just before the collision. Preliminary information suggests the vehicle lost control after going over the canal crossing, and crashed into the utility pole. The investigation remains active as investigators continue to process the evidence.

Sergeant Phil Krynsky Public Affairs Bureau