



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: October 25, 2024, around 1:20 p.m.
Incident: 2024-1576246
Location: 2800 South 19th Avenue
Victim: Kristina Lara, 25-year-old female, deceased
Victim: Josiah Lara, 2-month-old male, deceased

UPDATE: October 26, 2024

Unfortunately, the infant involved in the collision, 2-month-old Josiah Lara, has passed away at the hospital from his injuries. Other than Kristina and Josiah, the other injured occupants of the same vehicle are either discharged from the hospital or remain receiving treatment, but those injuries are considered non-life threatening.

Again, charging decisions will be made once the accident reconstruction process can be completed regarding this collision.

Sergeant Rob Scherer
Public Affairs Bureau

UPDATE: October 26, 2024

Detectives have identified the victim as 25-year-old Kristina Lara. The infant remains in critical condition at a local hospital.

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5 Family Members Injured in Midday Collison

(October 25, 2024) Phoenix Police Vehicular Crimes detectives investigate a serious collision that left a mother dead and her infant in critical condition.

On October 25, 2024, around 1:20 p.m., officers responded to a serious injury collision in the area of 2800 South 19th Avenue. Officers arrived on scene and located a passenger car with multiple children

and an adult female with various injuries. Two of the passengers the adult female and an infant were listed in critical condition with life-threatening injuries. Both were transported to local hospitals where the 25-year-old female was later pronounced deceased. The infant is still fighting for its life and continues to be listed as critical and life-threatening. Three other young children were also taken to local hospitals, thankfully their condition has been updated as non-incapacitating.

Detectives responded to take over the investigation. Preliminary information suggests that unit 1 a silver colored sedan driven by a 23-year-old male was traveling southbound on 19th Avenue. Witnesses describe seeing the vehicle weaving in and out of traffic at a high rate of speed and accelerating on a yellow light when the vehicle collided with unit 2 a black pickup truck.

Unit 2 a black pickup truck operated by a 75-year-old male was traveling northbound on 19th Avenue when the driver attempted to make a left turn onto West Lower Buckeye Road. The front of unit 1 collided with the front of unit 2 in the intersection. The driver of unit 2 was un-injured, remained on scene and was evaluated for impairment. At this time impairment is not believed to be a factor.

The 4 children were not restrained in child safety seats. Final charging decision will be made once the collision reconstruction is completed.

Additional details about the collision remain part of the ongoing investigation.

Sergeant Mayra Reeson
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