



**Phoenix Police Department**  
**Public Affairs Bureau**  
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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**Date/Time:** July 22, 2024, around 11:43 p.m.  
**Incident:** 2024-1071900  
**Location:** 300 North Central Avenue  
**Victim:** Rholaniel Charleston, 31-year-old, deceased

**UPDATE: August 2, 2024**

Fatal collision victim has been identified as 31-year-old Rholaniel Charleston.

### **Pedestrian Struck and Killed by Bus**

(July 23, 2024) Phoenix Police detectives are investigating a collision involving a city bus that resulted in the death of a pedestrian.

On July 22, 2024, around 11:45 p.m., officers responded to the area of Central Avenue and Van Buren Street regarding a collision involving both a pedestrian and a city bus. When officers arrived, they located the adult male pedestrian with serious injuries. Life saving measures were attempted but the man did not survive his injuries and was pronounced deceased on scene. The city bus remained on scene.

Detectives responded to take over the investigation. Preliminary information suggests that the bus was westbound on Van Buren Street and making a right turn onto Central Avenue when the pedestrian attempted to get the bus to stop. The man was banging on the door and walking next to the bus. The bus driver did not stop due to the area not being designated as a bus stop. The pedestrian lost his footing and fell into the roadway after which he was struck by the bus. Additional details about the collision remain part of the ongoing investigation.

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