



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: April 5, 2024, around 8:32 p.m.
Incident: 2024-497417
Location: 8300 West Thomas Road
Victim: Jesus Martinez-Goana, 21-year-old, deceased

Speed a Factor in Deadly Collision

(April 6, 2024) Phoenix Police detectives are investigating a west valley collision that resulted in one vehicle igniting on fire killing the driver.

On April 5, 2024, around 8:30 p.m., officers responded to the area of 83rd Avenue and Thomas Road regarding a collision where a vehicle was engulfed in fire. When officers arrived, they located the vehicles involved. The Phoenix Fire Department arrived and extinguished the fire. The lone occupant and driver of this vehicle, identified as 21-year-old Jesus Martinez-Goana, was pronounced deceased on scene. The adult male driver of the other vehicle involved suffered non-life-threatening injuries and was transported to a nearby hospital for treatment.

Detectives responded to take over the investigation. Preliminary information suggests that the vehicle driven by Martinez-Goana was westbound on Thomas Road at a high rate of speed as it entered the intersection with 83rd Avenue. The other vehicle involved was eastbound on Thomas Road and making a left turn at 83rd Avenue. The collision resulted in the vehicle driven by Martinez-Goana to careen into a nearby tree and was engulfed in fire as it came to rest. Speed is a factor in this collision. Additional details about the collision remain part of the ongoing investigation.

Sergeant Rob Scherer
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