



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: June 5, 2024, at about 4:06 a.m.
Incident: 2024-820036
Location: 400 North 19th Avenue
Victim: David Parrish, 48-year-old, deceased

Detectives Investigate Fatal Train Incident

(June 5, 2024) Phoenix Police detectives investigate an early Wednesday morning fatal incident involving a pedestrian and a train near Van Buren Street and 19th Avenue.

Just after 4:00 a.m. on Wednesday morning, June 5, 2024, Phoenix Police officers were called to a pedestrian involved collision near Van Buren Street and 19th Avenue. Officers and fire personnel responded to the area and found an adult male suffering from critical injuries. Phoenix Fire personnel pronounced the man deceased on scene.

Detectives responded and took over the investigation. Initial information was learned that the victim, 48-year-old, David Parrish was seen on the train tracks when a train moving south approached. The train signaled by blowing its horn causing Parrish to move off the tracks and out of the way. After the train stopped just south of Parrish, crew members readjusted switches and began to operate the train. It was at this time that Parrish was witnessed going back onto the train tracks to lay down and was fatally struck. After learning of the collision, the train operator stopped the train and emergency personnel were contacted. Further details of this incident are under investigation along with a separate investigation by BNSF Railroads.

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