



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: July 17, 2024, at about 04:45 a.m.
Incident: 2024-1039738
Location: 8500 North 12th Street
Victim: Tom Matias, 34-year-old, deceased

Deadly Crash in Sunnyslope

(July 18, 2024) Detectives are investigating circumstances that led to the fatal collision involving two cars in the Sunnyslope area of Phoenix early Wednesday morning.

In the early morning hours of July 17, 2024, patrol officers were called to a collision near 12th Street and Butler Drive. When responding officers got to the scene, they found an adult male victim identified as 34-year-old Tom Matias suffering serious injuries. He was taken to the hospital where he was unable to survive his injuries and pronounced deceased. The adult male driver of the second car stayed on scene and was taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Detectives responded to the scene and learned Matias was driving north on 12th Street when he began to drive into oncoming traffic and struck a red colored car. Detectives continue to investigate what led to this fatal collision as further details of this incident are ongoing.

Sergeant Brian Bower
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