

## **Phoenix Police Department**

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



## MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: December 27, 2021, 12:30 a.m.

Incident: 2021- 2009845

Location: 2600 West Bethany Home Road

Victim: Phoenix Police Officer

Suspect: 52-year-old Elizabeth Mia Eaton, MCSO booking T748453

## **ARREST - Hit and Run Traffic Collision Investigation**

Phoenix police have made an arrest in the hit and run collision that left an officer in the hospital with a serious leg injury. At about 12:30 a.m. on December 27<sup>th</sup>, a Phoenix police motorcycle officer was driving east on Bethany Home Road near 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue when a minivan turned in front of him, resulting in the collision. Video surveillance captured the incident, and showed the officer flying through the air after the collision.

Detectives from the Vehicular Crimes Unit worked diligently collecting evidence, reviewing video footage, and talking to witnesses. During the course of that investigation, they developed probable cause to arrest 52-year-old Elizabeth Mia Eaton for leaving the scene after striking the officer and leaving him lying in the roadway. She was located at about 11:30 p.m. last night in the area of 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Glendale. Investigators found the vehicle, a 2016 Dodge Journey, parked in Eaton's back yard near 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Camelback Road. The vehicle had damage matching the collision and other damage seen in the video surveillance footage.

Eaton was booked into the Maricopa County Jail. Her booking number is T748453. The Phoenix police officer involved in this incident is assigned to the Traffic Bureau, has been on the Department 16 years, and required immediate surgery for leg injuries sustained in this collision.