



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: October 19, 2023 around 11:45 a.m.
Incident: 2023-1586140
Location: 4400 West Bell Road
Victim: Joseph Pavlics, 86-year-old male, deceased

Traffic Fatality in Northwest Phoenix

(October 19, 2023): Phoenix Police are investigating a fatal vehicle collision resulting in the death of an elderly man.

Officers responded to a serious vehicle collision near 43rd Avenue and Bell Road. When officers arrived, they found a man lying on the roadway. The fire department responded and pronounced the man deceased on scene. The vehicle involved in the collision remained in the area and the driver cooperated with officers.

Detectives responded to investigate the collision. After speaking to witnesses and processing the scene, detectives believe the pedestrian, 86-year-old Joseph Pavlics, entered the roadway on Bell Road, either by falling or attempting to cross it, and was struck by a van entering Bell Road from a private drive.

The collision remains under investigation as detectives continue to process the evidence. Currently, there are no pending charges against the driver.

Sergeant Phil Krynsky
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