



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



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# MEDIA ADVISORY

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**Date/Time:** March 15, 2023 just after 12:30 a.m.  
**Incident:** 2023-385523  
**Location:** 40<sup>th</sup> Street and Oak Street  
**Victim:** Police Officer, adult male, serious injuries  
**Suspect:** Marlon De Jesus Hernandez, 21-year-old, MCSO Booking# T831264

**UPDATE: March 17, 2023**

## **Man Booked as Investigation Continues**

Detectives have identified the driver of the vehicle involved, which hit a police patrol car, as 21-year-old Marlon De Jesus Hernandez. Hernandez was booked on multiple charges stemming from the collision.

The injured officer remains hospitalized and continues to receive treatment for injuries. We appreciate the outpouring of support from the community.

*Sergeant Rob Scherer*  
*Public Affairs Bureau*

## **Officer Injured After Hit and Run Crash**

(March 15, 2023) Phoenix police are investigating a collision involving a police vehicle that resulted in an officer being transported with serious injuries. The occupants of the other car involved were detained after they fled from the scene.

Early this morning just after 12:30 Phoenix police responded to a call of a serious vehicle collision involving a police patrol car at 40<sup>th</sup> Street and Oak Street. Officers were advised over the radio that the police officer was trapped inside the car. The Phoenix Fire Department extricated the officer from the police car. The officer was transported to the hospital with serious injuries. He remains hospitalized today.

During the collision, the adult male driver and two adult male passengers of the other vehicle took off on foot from the vehicle but were eventually located and detained. The driver suffered injuries from the collision and was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Detectives responded to take over the investigation. Early information indicates the officer was going west on Oak Street through the intersection when a vehicle going north ran the red light and struck the officer's car.

Detectives interviewed the driver and passengers in the other car. No arrests have been made at this time. Impairment is not believed to be a factor in the crash. The investigation remains active as detectives continue to process the evidence.

*Sergeant Melissa Soliz  
Public Affairs Bureau*

