



**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:** September 7, 2023, at about 5:55 a.m.  
**Incident:** 2023-1363898  
**Location:** 3700 West Aire Libre Avenue  
**Victim:** 71-year-old male, critical condition  
**Suspect 1:** male, teenage juvenile, detained at JCC  
**Suspect 2 & 3:** males, teenage juveniles, referred to JCC & released to parents

**UPDATE: September 8, 2023.**

Three teenaged juveniles detained in connection with the hit & run aggravated assault of a 71-year-old pedestrian struck by a stolen vehicle on Thursday morning.

*Lieutenant Vince Lewis*  
*Public Affairs Bureau*

### **Serious Injury Hit & Run Car/Pedestrian Collision**

(September 7, 2023) Phoenix police detectives are investigating a serious injury hit & run car/pedestrian collision involving a stolen vehicle that left a man with serious injuries.

Police responded to a serious injury hit & run car/pedestrian collision near 3700 West Aire Libre Avenue. Just before 6:00am, a white KIA Optima struck a 71-year-old male who was out walking in the area. The car then collided with other vehicles and crashed into a structure. The vehicle occupants fled the scene on foot. The man suffered serious injury and was transported to the hospital. The vehicle was found to have been reported stolen.

Detectives arrived and determined that the aggravated assault was intentional, and this vehicle was the subject of numerous earlier calls for service describing the occupants throwing rocks at pedestrians in the area. Police were able to identify the subjects involved through surveillance video. Each were detained and interviewed. All three are juveniles under the age of fifteen. The driver was detained at the Maricopa County Juvenile Court Center (JCC), and charges on the other two involved were referred to JCC. They were then released to parents.

*Lieutenant Vince Lewis*  
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