



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: July 9, 2021, at about 12:05 a.m.
Incident: 2021-1059508
Location: 71st Avenue and Thomas Road
Victims: 35-year-old Male, Serious injury
42-year-old Male, Deceased
Suspects: 20-year-old Male, Driver – Arrested
20-year-old Male, Passenger – Arrested

Fatal Traffic Collision

On July 9, 2021, just after midnight, Phoenix Police Officers responded to a serious vehicle collision in the area of 71st Avenue and Thomas Road. Officers learned a Chevy Silverado was westbound on Thomas Road, and turned left to go south on 71st Avenue. This vehicle was occupied by two 20-year-old males. A Ford Focus, occupied by a 35-year-old male driver, and 42-year-old male passenger, was eastbound on Thomas Road and collided with the Silverado in the intersection. The adult male Silverado driver sustained serious injuries, and the adult male Silverado passenger sustained fatal injuries.

A third vehicle, a Chevy Avalanche, stopped and an adult male driver and adult male passenger got out of the vehicle to help the people injured in the collision. The two suspects got out of the Silverado, retrieved weapons and ammunition, and then got into the Avalanche and stole it. The suspects fled the scene in the stolen vehicle before police arrived.

Officers located the stolen Avalanche leaving a residence 75th Avenue and Palm Lane. Officers stopped the vehicle and arrested the driver, who was the male passenger from the Silverado. Officers returned to the residence and learned the other male, the driver of the Silverado, was inside. He eventually exited the residence after negotiations and was arrested as well.

Specific charging information and suspect names will not be available until the booking process is complete.

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