



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: May 14, 2023 at 6:27 a.m.
Incident: 2023-728420
Location: 19th Avenue and Glendale Avenue
Victim: Essence Burnes, 20-year-old, deceased

Fatal Collision

(May 14, 2023) Phoenix police detectives are investigating a collision that occurred early morning that left a woman dead.

On May 14, 2023 just before 6:30 a.m., officers responded to a call of a collision involving two vehicles. One of the drivers, identified as 20-year-old Essence Burnes was transported to the hospital where she later died. The passenger in her car was also transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The driver of the other vehicle was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Detectives responded to take over the investigation. Early information indicates Essence was going south on 19th Avenue through the intersection when her vehicle was struck by a vehicle going west on Glendale Avenue. Impairment is not believed to be a factor with the driver of the second vehicle. Any impairment for the first vehicle will be determined through a postmortem blood analysis. This remains an ongoing investigation to determine who failed to stop at the signal light.

Sergeant Melissa Soliz
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