



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: December 25, 2021, 3:00 a.m.
Incident: 2021- 2000355
Location: 12600 North 24th Street
Victim: 36-year-old Jessica Mertens, deceased

Fatal Traffic Collision Investigation

A woman is dead and another man hospitalized after an early morning Christmas day crash in north Phoenix. Police were called to the area of 24th Street and Cactus Road just after 3:00 a.m. for a call of a car that collided with a power pole. An adult male driver was transported to the hospital, while a female passenger, Jessica Mertens, was pronounced dead on scene by the Phoenix Fire Department.

Detectives learned that the car was traveling north on 24th Street from Cactus Road when the driver lost control, crossed over the oncoming lane and collided with a pole. It appears that speed may be a contributing factor to the collision.