

## **Phoenix Police Department**

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



## MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: March 13, 2022, at about 9:30 p.m.

Incident: 2022-390037

Location: 36<sup>th</sup> Street and Indian School

Victims: 16-year-old Tomas Villaverde, deceased

## Fatal Traffic Collision Investigation

Phoenix Police are investigating a fatal collision that occurred last night near 36<sup>th</sup> Street and Indian School Road that left a 16-year-old dead.

Investigators learned a Ford Mustang was travelling east on Indian School Road at a high rate of speed, and collided with a Honda Accord that was attempting to turn left onto 36<sup>th</sup> Street. As a result of the collision, the Honda was pushed into a traffic signal pole.

There were three occupants in the Mustang, and two of them were ejected from the vehicle. 16-year-old Tomas Villaverde died from his injuries. The two other occupants, a 17-year-old driver and another 16-year-old, received serious but non-life-threatening injuries. It is believed speed on the driver's behalf was a contributing factor to this collision.

There was one occupant in the Honda, a 50-year-old male. He suffered serious but non-life-threatening injuries. The driver displayed signs of alcohol impairment.

The investigation is ongoing. Submission of charges will be decided after the reconstruction and lab results are completed.

