



**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:** June 9, 2023 just after 11:00 p.m.  
**Incident:** 2023-882251  
**Location:** 3600 North 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
**Victim:** Paulina Vargas-Ochoa, 16-year-old female, deceased

## **Pedestrian Hit and Run Fatality near Black Canyon Corridor**

(June 10, 2023): Phoenix police are searching for a suspect from a hit and run traffic collision that left a juvenile dead after crossing mid-block on 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Phoenix police officers responded to a call of a serious vehicle collision just after 11 p.m. at 27<sup>th</sup> and Weldon Avenues. When officers arrived, they found a young female, later identified as 16-year-old Paulina Vargas-Ochoa, lying on the roadway. The fire department arrived and provided medical aid to Vargas-Ochoa. She was transported to the hospital but later died from her injuries.

The vehicle involved in this collision continued southbound on 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue after the collision. Detectives responded to investigate and learned Vargas-Ochoa had crossed mid-block on 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue and was stuck by the vehicle which was heading southbound on 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue. No suspects in this incident have been located.

If anyone has information relating to this collision, they are being asked to call Phoenix Police at 602-262-6151 or Silent Witness if they wish to remain anonymous.

*Sergeant Phil Krynsky*  
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