



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: December 13th, 2023 around 2:34 p.m.
Incident: 2023-1871586
Location: 43rd Avenue and Ruth Avenue
Victim: Thomas Oviatt, 80-year-old male, deceased
Victim: Janette Oviatt, 79-year-old female, deceased

Double Fatality in North Phoenix

(December 13, 2023): Phoenix Police investigating a fatal collision that occurred this afternoon that left two dead and a man in the hospital.

Officers responded to a serious vehicle collision near 43rd and Ruth Avenues around 2:30 pm. When officers arrived, they found a white Toyota 4-door vehicle and a white Ford 4-door vehicle involved in a collision.

The fire department responded and removed two people out of the Toyota and the driver out of the Ford. The passenger in the Toyota, 79-year-old Janette Oviatt, was pronounced deceased on scene. The driver, 80-year-old Thomas Oviatt, was transported but later died from his injuries at the hospital. The adult male driver of the Ford was also transported to the hospital where he is currently receiving treatment.

Preliminary information suggests the Ford was traveling northbound on 43rd Avenue at a high rate of speed when it collided with the passenger side of the Toyota, which was making a left hand turn to go east on Ruth Avenue. Impairment does not appear to be a factor in this collision. The investigation remains active as investigators process the evidence.

Sergeant Phil Krynsky
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