



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: March 16, 2023 at 8:57 p.m.
Incident: 2023-396010
Location: 5400 West Ian Drive
Victim: Samantha Watson, 23-year-old, deceased

Fatal Collision

(March 17, 2023) A collision Thursday night in the area of 5400 West Ian Drive has claimed the life of a 23-year-old woman.

Last night, just before 9:00, on March 16, 2023, Phoenix police responded to a call of a collision in a residential area near 5400 West Ian Drive. Preliminary information indicates a woman, later identified as 23-year-old Samantha Watson, was in a fight near the rear passenger side of a vehicle, with a man later identified as 39-year-old Brian Boone. Boone got into the rear passenger side of the vehicle and a woman in the driver's seat drove away. As the vehicle took off, the rear tire ran over Watson. Watson suffered fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased on scene. The vehicle remained on scene as did the driver who showed no signs of impairment. The investigation revealed that the driver did not know where Watson was when the incident occurred, nor did the driver intentionally strike Watson.

Boone was booked into jail for domestic violence charges not related to the collision investigation, MCSO booking #T831227.

Detectives responded to take over the investigation. Further details about the crash remain under investigation.

Sergeant Melissa Soliz
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