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Update – Loop US 101 and N. 51st Avenue Death Investigation

GLENDALE, Ariz. – On Saturday, September 6th, 2014, at approximately 7:30pm, Glendale Police Officers responded to a report of a vehicle that had veered off the Loop US 101, crashing into the desert landscaping, just west of N. 51st Avenue.

The investigation revealed an off duty firefighter was traveling eastbound on the frontage road when he witnessed a 4 door sedan veer off the Loop US 101 from the eastbound lanes, crossing the eastbound frontage road and crashing into the desert landscaping, just west of N. 51st Avenue. The firefighter immediately responded to the vehicle to provide aid to the individuals inside the vehicle. When the firefighter got to the vehicle, he located a deceased adult male driver and adult female passenger in the vehicle, one appearing to have sustained a gunshot wound.

When Glendale Police Investigators processed the scene, they found the driver, James Tucker (age 29 of Kingman), and the passenger, Shantel McCormick (age 28 of Surprise), had both sustained gunshot wounds. A gun was also located inside the vehicle. **Glendale Police Violent Crimes Detectives have determined that Tucker and McCormick were involved in a dating relationship and, based upon the preliminary evidence detectives have obtained, are treating this incident as a murder/suicide. It appears that Tucker shot McCormick and then turned the gun on himself while inside of the moving vehicle.**

The investigation is still on-going at this time.

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