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## Glendale Police Investigate Fatal Collision at 51<sup>st</sup> Ave and Peoria

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – On December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at approximately 3:00pm Glendale Police and Fire responded to a call of a collision in the intersection at 51st Avenue and Peoria Avenue involving a motorcycle.

Preliminary investigation into this collision revealed that the motorcycle was traveling westbound on Peoria Avenue approaching N. 51st Avenue when a vehicle made a left turn in front of it. The rider of the motorcycle took evasive action to avoid a collision and in doing so, was involved in a single vehicle collision. The rider never struck the vehicle that turned in front of him. The rider was the sole occupant of the motorcycle and was not wearing a helmet. The rider, 51 year old Stephen Alford, a Glendale resident, was transported to a local hospital where he was later declared deceased.

Glendale Police Department Vehicular Crimes Detectives have assumed the investigation into this incident. The vehicle that turned in front of the motorcycle left the scene and has not been located. At this time detectives do not have a description of the vehicle or driver, as they are still currently gathering and evaluating evidence, and have had conflicting witness statements in regards to the vehicle description. Anyone who may have witnessed this collision or has any information as to the other vehicle involved is asked to call the Glendale Police Department at 623-930-3000 or Silent Witness at 480-Witness. At this

time it is unclear if any charges will be pending against the driver of the other vehicle involved as the investigation is ongoing.

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*\*Spanish translation available*

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