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## Glendale Investigates Overnight Fatal Accident

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – At approximately 12:13AM, Glendale Police dispatched an ATL (attempt to locate) of a possible impaired driver. The vehicle was described as a red SUV traveling Eastbound on West Glendale Ave from North 75<sup>th</sup> Ave, striking curbs.

An officer in the area was headed Eastbound through North 59<sup>th</sup> Ave when he saw part of the collision occur behind him in his rearview mirror. The driver of the red SUV first sideswiped another SUV that was traveling in the same direction. The two occupants of that vehicle were not injured.

The second collision, the red SUV struck a bicyclist traveling Westbound on the South sidewalk. The bicyclist identified as Peter Rankin, 50 years old, was pronounced deceased on scene. The red SUV then continued on the roadway and ran a red traffic light Eastbound into the intersection at North 59<sup>th</sup> Ave and struck a fully marked patrol SUV that was making a left turn onto Westbound Glendale Ave from North 59<sup>th</sup> Ave. The officer and his civilian observer sustained minor injuries. The officer was able to see the vehicle coming and was able to accelerate enough to avoid serious side impact.

The driver of the red SUV was detained by officers and was then transported to a local valley hospital for non life-threatening injury. The driver of the red SUV was identified as Kevin Hevel, 30 years old. A DUI investigation was conducted and probable cause has been developed for the arrest of the male driver.

Glendale Police Vehicular Crimes Detectives took over the investigation into the collision. Impairment is believed to be a contributing factor to the crash, speed is still being investigated. Hevel was booked on charges of manslaughter, felony endangerment, driving under the influence, and failure to stay at the scene of an accident causing death.

Photos have been attached below of both men.

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*\*Spanish translation available*

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is to protect the lives and property of the people we serve.”*

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*Kevin Hevel (pictured above)*



*Peter Rankin (pictured above)*