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Glendale Police Arrest Hit and Run Suspect From Fatal Accident

GLENDALE, Ariz. – On December 15th at around 6:30 PM, officers responded to a hit & run collision involving a pedestrian at 6000 W Glendale Avenue. A truck, traveling westbound, struck a male pedestrian, who was walking east on the north sidewalk and stepped into the roadway. The victim was given care on scene but was unfortunately pronounced deceased shortly after. The victim has been identified as Glendale resident, 65 year old Ndingi Valens.

A witness observed the collision and followed the fleeing suspect driver. The witness was able to pull in front of the suspect vehicle to get them to stop around 6200 W Glendale. Officers were able to locate the suspect vehicle and contact the suspect. The suspect was identified as the driver. The suspect was transported to booking, where an impairment investigation and interview were completed. No impairment was found on the suspect or contributed to the accident.. The suspect was booked for two hit and run related charges. The suspect has been identified as 49 year old Jesus Bastidas.

Photographs of Ndingi Valens and Jesus Bastidas have been included with the press release below.

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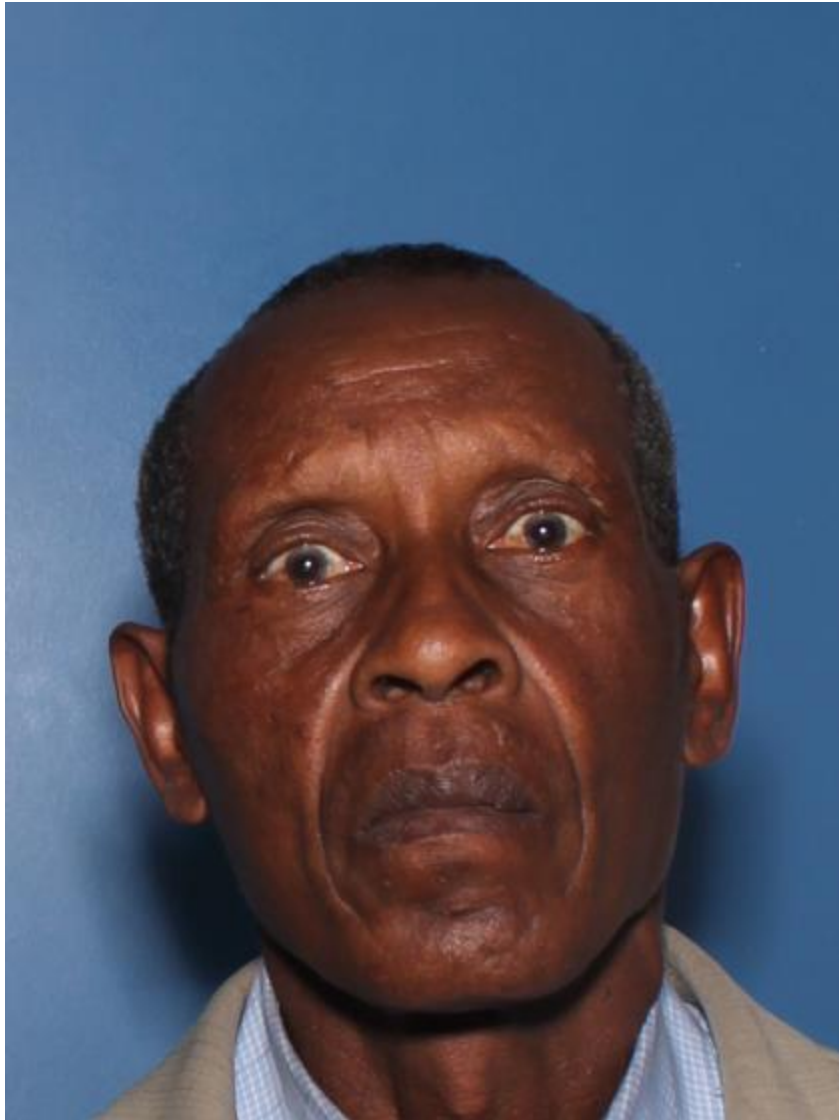
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is to protect the lives and property of the people we serve.”*

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Jesus Bastidas



Ndingi Valens