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Glendale Police Identify Vehicle Model in Fatal Hit and Run

GLENDALE, Ariz. – On Saturday, April 26th, 2014, between 11:00pm and 11:15pm, 62 year old Glendale resident, Pete Rivas, was struck and killed by a White 4-Door SUV in the roadway near the N. 60th Avenue and Bethany Home Road.

The investigation revealed Mr. Rivas was crossing Bethany Home Road from north to south in an unmarked crosswalk at N. 60th Avenue when he was struck by a White 4-Door SUV traveling eastbound on Bethany Home. The SUV also had dark tinted windows and custom rims and tires. The driver of the White 4-Door SUV failed to stop and seek help for Rivas who was badly injured and instead, drove to the nearby Circle K at N. 59 Avenue and W. Bethany Home Road. Information received by investigators indicated the black male driver then parked his vehicle, got out to look at the front of it, then got back into his vehicle, fleeing south on N. 59 Avenue with another black male passenger prior to police arrival. The driver was described as a black male, about 30 years old with a muscular build and short dark hair, possibly braided.

Glendale Police Vehicular Crimes Investigators gathered evidence from the scene, which included damaged vehicle parts. At this time, **investigators believe the vehicle is likely to be a white 1996-1999 Chevy Tahoe.** Investigators believe the White 4-Door SUV sustained noticeable damage to the frontend, from the front mid to passenger's side of the vehicle.

Investigators obtained surveillance video of the SUV hitting Pete Rivas. See attached video for media release. **In the upper right corner of the video, you will initially see the white SUV traveling eastbound close to the curb. As the SUV continues to travel, as seen in the upper left corner of the video, you will see pedestrian Pete Rivas on the ground sliding to a stop, unable to move and ultimately dying from injuries received as a result of the SUV colliding with him. The driver of the white SUV was aware that he hit Mr. Rivas and fled the scene, making no attempt to check his welfare or seek medical attention for the dying pedestrian.**

The Glendale Police Department is asking for the community's assistance in solving this crime. If you know of anyone or any vehicle that matches the above description, or if you have any information that might assist Glendale Investigators, no matter how insignificant you might think it is, please contact the Glendale Police Department immediately at 623-930-3000 or Silent Witness at 480-Witness.

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