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Glendale Police Investigate Fatal Accident Involving an All-Terrain Vehicle

GLENDALE, Ariz. – On October 22nd, 2018 at approximately 1:44 PM, Glendale Police responded to 53rd Avenue and Luke Avenue regarding reports of an accident involving an all-terrain vehicle (ATV). Witnesses reported that two occupants were ejected from the vehicle and in need of medical attention. Upon officers arriving on scene, the ATV was located off of the roadway along with the two adult males that had been ejected. The driver of the ATV, identified as Matthew DePaolo (30yo), was found to be suffering from life threatening injuries and was transported to a local valley hospital. The passenger, identified as Larry Smith (54yo), was pronounced deceased on scene.

Witnesses reported that Matthew was test driving the ATV following some engine modifications and lost control causing the ATV to leave the roadway and roll multiple times. Neither occupant was discovered to be wearing helmets or their seat belts resulting in them being ejected. There is no evidence to show that impairment was involved however speed is believed to be a factor. At the time of this release, Matthew is still receiving lifesaving treatment at the hospital.

Photographs of the occupants are not being released at the request of the family.
The investigation is still ongoing as to the actions leading up to the fatal accident and the factors surrounding it.

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