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Glendale Police Investigate Fatal Vehicle Accident

GLENDALE, Ariz. – On August 19th, 2018 at approximately 2:45 A.M., emergency personnel responded to the intersection at 91st Avenue and Camelback Road regarding a multiple vehicle accident with one vehicle engulfed in flames. Upon arrival, first responders provided medical aid to the occupants involved and extinguished the vehicle that was on fire. Officers located five vehicles that were involved in the collision and a total of eight adult that were occupants at the time of the incident. Tragically Joel Agostini (32 years old) and Luis Espinoza (26 years old) were pronounced deceased due to injuries they received upon impact.

Investigators determined that four vehicles, to include Agostini's, were stopped at a traffic signal within the westbound lanes on Camelback Road at the 91st Avenue intersection. Evidence shows that Luis Espinoza was traveling westbound in his 2000 white Dodge Dakota when he impacted the rear end of the 2011 Gold Infiniti that Joel Agostini was driving. The force of the impact from the Dakota truck caused a chain reaction which sent the Infiniti sedan into a 2018 red Jeep Wrangler, a 2008 silver Chrysler 300 sedan and a 2017 blue Chevrolet Malibu which were all stopped at the traffic signal. Occupants within the Jeep received medical treatment for non-life-threatening injuries caused by the impact. Occupants of the Malibu and Chrysler 300 were not injured.

Witnesses reported that Espinoza was driving erratically just prior to the fatal collision. Glendale Police Vehicular Crimes Detectives are awaiting results from the Maricopa Medical Examiner's Office, however possible impairment and speed are being investigated as contributing factors to the collision.

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(Luis Nicholas Espinoza, 26yo, White Dodge Dakota)



(Joel Agostini, 32yo, 2011 Infiniti sedan)

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