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Glendale Police Make Arrest in Fatal Hit and Run

GLENDALE, Ariz. – On March 29, 2018, the Glendale Police Department responded to area of 4800 W Camelback for an accident between a vehicle and a bicyclist. The incident occurred around 8:45 PM. Officers arrived in the area and found an adult male that was previously riding a bicycle in critical condition. He was transported to a local valley hospital with life-threatening injuries. The vehicle that was involved in the accident was no longer at the scene.

As the investigation unfolded, it was determined the bicyclist was struck by a white Ford Econoline van, that fled the scene. The van was captured on surveillance video that was in the area of the incident. Tragically, 32-year-old Cleon Baker, passed away the morning of Monday, April 30, 2018, due to complications from the injuries he suffered during the hit and run accident.

Surveillance footage was released to the media and with the help of the public, anonymous tips were received. Our Vehicular Crimes Detectives were able to identify 39-year-old Margarito Valencia Rodriguez as the driver and developed probable cause for his arrest. Rodriguez was arrested this month on one count of leaving the scene of an accident causing death, along with misdemeanor counts of providing a false name and driving on a suspended license.

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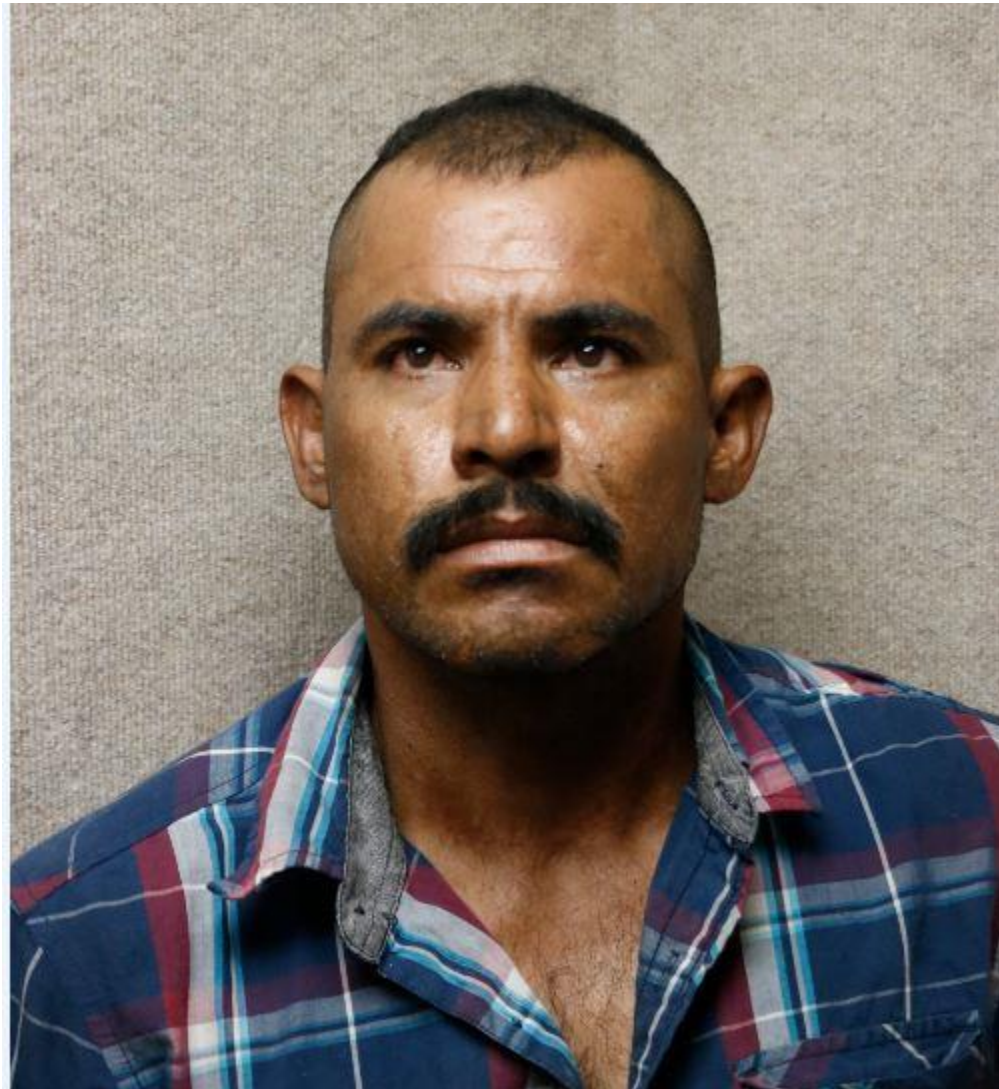
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(Victim, Cleon Baker pictured with his grandmother)



(Suspect, Margarito Valencia Rodriguez)

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