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## Glendale Police Release Name in Fatal Crash

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – On Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at approximately 8:00am officers responded to a single vehicle collision in the area of 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Grovers Avenue involving a 4-door sedan. The Glendale Fire Department also responded to treat the injured driver. The driver, 44-year old Michael Willingham of Phoenix, was transported to a local hospital where he was later pronounced deceased.

The Vehicular Crimes Unit responded to conduct the investigation. The investigation has revealed that Michael was traveling south on 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Union Hills when he began driving southbound in the northbound lanes for an unknown reason. He eventually left the roadway and struck the traffic signal at the northeast corner of the intersection. At this time it does not appear that speed or impairment were factors but a medical emergency may have played a role. 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Bell Road and Union Hills Drive was closed for several hours following the collision but has since reopened.

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*\*Spanish translation available*

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