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## Glendale Police Investigate Fatal Hit and Run Involving Pedestrian

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – On Monday, February 4, 2019 at approximately 6:45PM, Glendale Police responded to an accident involving a pedestrian being struck by a vehicle in the roadway at 71<sup>st</sup> Ave and Missouri Ave. Witnesses reported that the pedestrian, 45year-old Juana Hernandez-Diaz, was crossing W. Missouri Ave within a marked crosswalk at 71<sup>st</sup> Ave. when struck by a vehicle traveling on Missouri Ave. The driver of the vehicle failed to stop and fled the scene westbound on Missouri Avenue.

Witnesses attempted to render first aid to Juana, where officers and firefighters took over lifesaving efforts until she was transported to a local valley hospital. Unfortunately, Juana succumbed to her injuries and was later pronounced deceased.

The suspect vehicle is described as a small blue sedan. The vehicle should have damage to the front end from the impact. It is unknown at this time if impairment or speed were a factor in this collision.

Glendale Police is asking anyone with information regarding this incident to please call 623-930-3000 or Silent Witness at 480-WITNESS.

\*Spanish translation available

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(Pedestrian: Juana Hernandez-Diaz)