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Collision Investigation Turns Fatal

Casa Grande, AZ – The subject involved in yesterday's collision on 4th Street at Picacho Street did not survive his injuries. The bicyclist, identified as 51 year old Casa Grande resident Cruz Gamez Jr., passed away last night at a Phoenix area hospital. The collision remains under investigation as the CGPD Critical Accident Investigation Team continues to conduct interviews and review evidence.

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On March 15, 2015 at approximately 10:51 a.m., the Casa Grande Police Department responded to the call of a collision involving a bicyclist. This collision occurred on 4th Street at Picacho Street.

Police responded to the scene and discovered a Gold 2004 Lexus SUV in the roadway facing east bound and a male victim (bicyclist) lying in the roadway. The 81 year old female driver of the vehicle and her adult female passenger were not injured. The 51 year old male bicyclist was flown to a Phoenix area hospital with serious injuries.

The CGPD Critical Accident Investigation Team was called and assumed control of the investigation. Investigators have determined the driver of the vehicle was traveling east on 4th Street when she struck the bicyclist who turned in front of the driver. The bicyclist remains in critical condition at a Phoenix area hospital at this time.

The roadway was closed until approximately 1:30 p.m., causing traffic to be detoured. The exact cause of the collision is unknown at this time as Investigators continue to conduct interviews and review evidence. ###