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Fatal Vehicle Accident Involving a Pedestrian Possibly Caused by Distracted Driving

GLENDALE, Ariz. – On Tuesday April 23rd at approximately 8:30 PM, Glendale Police responded to reports of a pedestrian that was struck by a vehicle while in the roadway at 5900 W. McLellan Road. As officers arrived, an adult female pedestrian was discovered suffering from life-threatening injuries. First responders administered emergency life-saving measures and transported the victim to a local valley hospital. The driver involved remained on scene following the incident as well as witnesses. The driver was identified as Glendale resident Gregory Allan Sebion who was driving a black 2010 Lincoln four door sedan. The pedestrian was identified as Shelia Louise Cooper who tragically did not survive her injuries.

Further investigation revealed that Ms. Cooper was walking west across 59th Avenue, along the south side of McLellan Road when she was struck. This side of McLellan Rd does not have a marked pedestrian crosswalk as the north side does. Traffic on 59th Avenue however had stopped in the roadway to allow Ms. Cooper to cross. Mr. Sebion was travelling southbound on 59th Avenue and per statements became distracted within the vehicle as he approached the stopped vehicles. Upon observing the traffic stopped, he swerved into the center turn lane on 59th Ave to avoid striking the vehicles in front of him. Upon doing so, he struck Ms. Cooper as she was crossing the street.

Detectives currently are investigating whether speed was also a factor and have been able to determine that Mr. Sebion was not under the influence at the time of the incident. Criminal charges will be determined, as deemed appropriate, once the investigation has been completed.

The Glendale Police Department wants to stress to the community that this is a tragic example of what can happen by simply taking your eyes off the roadway for a brief moment. Please practice safe driving habits as you operate your vehicle and always be on the lookout for pedestrians.



(Driver: Gregory Sebion, 52yo)

(No photo on file for Shelia Cooper, 49yo)

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