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## **Glendale Police Arrest Suspect in Hit / Run involving 12yo on Skateboard**

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – On Monday, May 6, 2019 at 8:48 p.m., a 12-year-old male was riding his skateboard in the area of 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Camelback Road in Glendale and a vehicle traveling southbound struck him in the roadway. The victim received life-threatening injuries and is still receiving medical care. The vehicle left the area without stopping to help or call 9-1-1. The vehicle involved in the accident was described as a dark box truck having a white, rear cargo door with logo resembling a “1” and an “American flag”.

During the investigation, Glendale Police were able to obtain photos of the suspect vehicle as it left the area of the accident. In partnership with Silent Witness, photos of the truck were circulated through the community and media channels. On Wednesday evening, the suspect observed the broadcasted photos and contacted police to turn himself in as the driver. Detectives were led to the location of the suspect’s work truck which was parked at a Phoenix location and have taken custody of the vehicle.

The suspect has been identified as Phoenix resident, Jesse Mendoza (44yo). Mendoza made admissions to detectives regarding his involvement and was booked on multiple charges to include failure to stop for an accident involving serious injury, failure to render reasonable assistance to an injured pedestrian, driving on a suspended / revoked driver's license and tampering with physical evidence.

At this time the juvenile is still in serious condition at the hospital as he continues to receive ongoing medical treatment. Details regarding his identity and injuries are not being released.



Suspect: Jesse Mendoza 44yo (previous booking photo)

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*Suspect Vehicle*



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