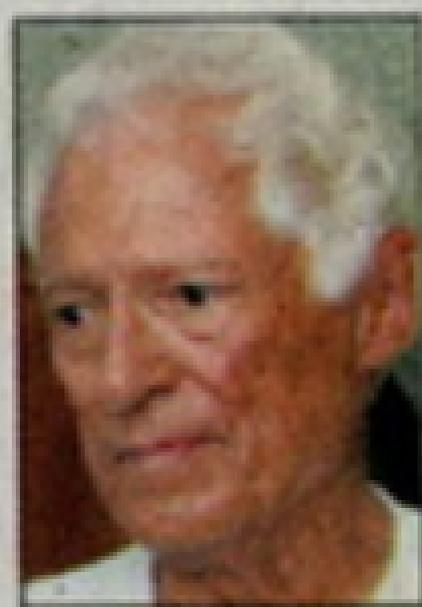

Ex-legislator dies in crash; 2 arrested

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A former state lawmaker who served in the House for 10 years died in a three-car crash Friday afternoon in Scottsdale.



**Cal
Holman**

Cal Holman, a Paradise Valley state representative from 1975 to 1985, was killed when two cars crashed into his Camaro near Scottsdale Road and Eastwood

Lane.

The other drivers were arrested Friday on one count each of second-degree murder.

Holman, 76, is survived by his wife of 51 years, Elizabeth, and two children, who live in Phoenix and Georgia.

2 drivers arrested in fatal crash

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He was born in Topeka, Kan., and moved to Phoenix in 1961 to work at a Valley bank, according to past news reports.

Elizabeth Holman described her husband as "a hard worker" with "a lot of integrity."

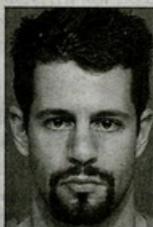
"He was very focused on the Legislature when he was in it," she said.

The former GOP politician helped circulate a petition in 2004 against a developer wanting to build a technology center at the Los Arcos Mall site.

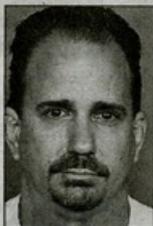
Holman retired recently as president of the Scottsdale Republican Forum, his wife said.

"He was just a good, honest person," Elizabeth said.

Police said drivers Robert



**Travis
Aronica**



**Robert
Van Brakel**

Van Brakel, 42, and Travis Aronica, 25, may have been speeding before the crash, which occurred at 12:45 p.m.

Van Brakel, driving a white Mercedes sedan, and Aronica, driving a black Ford Mustang, were traveling north on Scottsdale Road when they struck Holman's vehicle, which

was turning left onto Eastwood from southbound Scottsdale Road.

The impact ejected Holman, killing him, and caused the Mercedes to come to rest about 75 feet from the intersection, police said. The Mustang landed upside down in a ditch.

Witnesses told investigators the two cars were traveling at high speeds. Authorities estimate the cars were going up to 70 mph. The posted speed limit in the area is 45 mph.

Van Brakel, of Phoenix, was not seriously injured, and Aronica, of Michigan, suffered a broken arm, police said. A passenger with Aronica sustained minor injuries.

The Associated Press contributed to this article.



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The wreckage of Cal Holman's Camaro (foreground) after he was killed in a three-car crash Friday. The two drivers who struck Holman's car have been arrested on suspicion of second-degree murder.