

# US agency eyes fatal crash involving self-driving car

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The National Transportation Safety Board is moving to determine the probable cause of the first fatal crash involving a self-driving vehicle.

Elaine Herzberg died in March 2018 when an Uber vehicle struck her as she walked across a darkened street in Tempe, Arizona.

The board will meet Nov. 19 as part of its efforts.

A preliminary report by the board said the Uber autonomous driving system spotted Herzberg before hitting her but a system used to automatically apply brakes in potentially [dangerous situations](#) had been disabled.

Authorities say records show the backup driver was streaming a [television show](#) on her phone in the moments before the crash.

Prosecutors declined to file charges against Uber, as a corporation, in Herzberg's death, but they're still considering whether to charge the driver.

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