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DELAYED FATAL BICYCLE COLLISION EAST AJO WAY AND SOUTH 2ND AVENUE

On March 30, 2022, just after 3:30 p.m., officers from Operations Division South were dispatched to the intersection of E. Ajo Way and S. 2nd Ave. for a serious-injury collision involving a green 1997 Dodge Ram Truck and tandem recumbent bicycle. Tucson Fire personnel responded and began treating those involved. Ultimately, both riders (adult male and adult female) were transported to Banner University Medical Center with life-threatening injuries.

Traffic Detectives were contacted and responded to continue the investigation. Interviews conducted by detectives and officers determined that the Dodge was traveling southbound on 2nd Ave and attempting to make a right-hand turn onto westbound Ajo Way. At this time, the tandem recumbent bicycle began to cross in a marked crosswalk from north to south on a pedestrian signal illuminated to cross when the Dodge struck them. The Dodge stopped after the collision and cooperated with the investigation. Officers determined that the driver of the Dodge was not impaired at the time of the collision.

Failure to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk by the Dodge is the major contributing factor of the collision. The driver of the Dodge was arrested and field released on the charge of Causing Serious Physical Injury or Death by a Moving Violation.

On May 29, 2022, the Johnson County Medical Examiner’s Department (Iowa City, Iowa) notified the Tucson Police Department that the female bicyclist had passed away due to her injuries sustained during the collision. She has been identified as 77-year-old **Roxana Jo Fudge**. Next of kin has been notified of his passing.

Traffic Fatalities Year to Date:

For 2020 – 31	For 2021 – 41
Pedestrian – 11	Pedestrian – 20
Bicycle – 02	Bicycle – 02
Motorcycle – 06	Motorcycle – 09
Vehicle - 12	Vehicle – 10

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