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## **DELAYED FATAL PEDESTRIAN COLLISION NORTH ORACLE ROAD AND WEST WETMORE ROAD**

On June 11, 2022, at approximately 10:55 p.m., officers from Operations Division West were dispatched to the intersection of N. Oracle Rd. and W. Wetmore Rd. for a report of a collision involving an adult female pedestrian and a black 2017 Mitsubishi Mirage. Tucson Fire personnel responded to the scene and transported the pedestrian to Banner University Medical Center with life-threatening injuries.

Traffic Unit Detectives were contacted and responded to the scene to continue the investigation. Interviews conducted by officers and detectives determined that the pedestrian was pushing a shopping cart in the roadway in the westbound right-hand turn lane of Wetmore Rd. At this time, the Mitsubishi was traveling westbound and struck the pedestrian. The driver of the Mitsubishi immediately stopped after the collision and cooperated with the investigation.

An officer with the DUI Unit responded to the scene and evaluated the driver of the Mitsubishi for impairment. It was determined that the driver was not impaired at the time of the collision. Walking in the roadway where sidewalks are provided by the pedestrian is the major contributing factor in the collision.

On June 12, 2022, the Office of the Medical Examiner (OME) notified the Tucson Police Department that the pedestrian had passed away due to her injuries sustained during the collision. She has been identified as 51-year-old **Michelle A. Armenta**. Next of kin was notified of her passing.

This is an ongoing investigation; no charges or citations have been issued at this time.

### **Traffic Fatalities Year to Date:**

<b>For 2021 – 37</b>	<b>For 2022 – 44</b>
Pedestrian – 11	Pedestrian – 22
Bicycle – 02	Bicycle – 02
Motorcycle – 06	Motorcycle – 09
Vehicle - 18	Vehicle – 10

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