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FATAL BICYCLE COLLISION NORTH CRAYCROFT ROAD AND EAST TOWNER STREET

On December 21, 2022, just before 4:45 a.m., officers from Operations Division Midtown were dispatched to the intersection of N. Craycroft Rd. and E. Towner St. for a report of a collision involving a bicyclist. Members of the Tucson Fire Department also responded to the scene and declared the bicyclist deceased. Officers identified the bicyclist as 30-year-old **Terry Lee Sellers**. Next of kin was notified. Detectives from the Traffic Investigations Unit were called to the scene and continued the investigation.

Interviews conducted by officers and detectives determined that the bicyclist was riding his gas-powered bicycle eastbound, through the parking lot of a medical center, when he exited onto Craycroft Rd. The bicyclist was then struck by an ambulance that was traveling southbound in the curb lane of Craycroft Rd. The ambulance driver immediately stopped after the collision and cooperated with investigators. An officer from the Impaired Driver Enforcement Unit (IDE) responded to the scene and determined that the ambulance driver was not impaired at the time of the collision.

Detectives learned that the ambulance was not responding to an emergency at the time and Mr. Sellers did not have working brakes on his bicycle. Additionally, the bicycle did have a white light to the front and a red light to the rear; however, it is unknown if those lights were on prior to the collision. Investigators found various types of narcotic paraphernalia in the bicyclist's possession; any impairment on his part will be determined through further test results.

Failure to yield from a private drive by the bicyclist is the major contributing factor in the collision. The investigation is ongoing and no charges or citations have been issued at this time.

Fatalities Year to Date:

For 2021 - 84	For 2022 - 96
Pedestrian - 29	Pedestrian- 48
Bicycle - 7	Bicycle - 6
Motorcycle - 10	Motorcycle - 16
Vehicle - 38	Vehicle - 26

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