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FATAL COLLISION
EAST GOLF LINKS AND SOUTH CALLE YUCATAN

On the early evening of October 5, 2013 officers from Operations Division East arrived at the area of East Golf Links Road and South Calle Yucatan in response to a reported motor vehicle collision involving a bicycle and a vehicle. Upon their arrival to the scene of the collision, the officers discovered that the bicyclist had been seriously injured as a result of the collision. Emergency medical personnel from the Tucson Fire Department also responded to the scene. They transported the bicyclist, who had life threatening injuries, to a local hospital for further medical evaluation and treatment. Unfortunately, the bicyclist, a 71-year old male, passed away while at the hospital and was pronounced deceased at 6:59 p.m. Next of kin have not yet been notified. The driver of the other vehicle involved in the collision was not injured.

Detectives from the Traffic Investigations Unit also responded to the scene of the collision in order to assist with the investigation. They collected and examined roadway evidence as well as conducted various interviews. The detectives learned that a 2000 Ford sports utility vehicle was travelling westbound on East Golf Links in the median traffic lane. The bicyclist was riding southbound across East Golf Links Road at the intersection of South Calle Yucatan. The bicyclist rode his bicycle in front of and into the path of the sports utility vehicle, which struck him. The bicyclist was not wearing a helmet at the time of the collision. There were no indications that the driver of the sports utility vehicle was under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Fatalities year to date:

For 2012 - 28		For 2013 - 34	
6	Pedestrian	14	Pedestrian
2	Bicycle	2	Bicycle
5	Motorcycle	5	Motorcycle

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