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FATAL COLLISION WEST AJO WAY AND SOUTH LUNDY

At approximately 4:35 p.m. on November 16, 2013, officers from Operations Division South were advised of a motor vehicle collision that occurred in the area of West Ajo Way and South Lundy. Upon arrival, the officers learned that two vehicles had been involved in the collision. The driver and sole occupant of one of the vehicles suffered from minor injuries. Tucson Fire Department emergency medical personnel transported him to a local area hospital for further evaluation and treatment for his injuries. The driver and sole occupant of the other vehicle was seriously injured as a result of the collision. He succumbed to his injuries while at the scene and was pronounced deceased. He has been identified as 68-year old George Enrique Tequida. Next of kin have been notified.

Detectives from the Traffic Investigations Unit responded to further the investigation. They learned that a 1994 Nissan Pathfinder was traveling westbound on West Ajo Way in the inside traffic lane. Mr. Tequida had been driving a 2005 Nissan Sentra eastbound on West Ajo Way in the inside traffic lane. The driver of the Nissan Pathfinder merged into the two-way left turn lane in preparation to make a left turn at South 12th Avenue. While driving in the area of the two-way left turn, also referred to as the universal turn lane, the Nissan Pathfinder crossed into the eastbound lanes of traffic. The Nissan Pathfinder and Nissan Sentra essentially collided in a head-on manner. The collision caused the Nissan Pathfinder to overturn in the roadway. The Nissan Sentra was forcefully rotated and ultimately came to a stop on the south side of the roadway. There was no indication that drugs or alcohol were a factor in the collision. No arrests have been made, and the investigation is on going.

Fatalities year to date:

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| For 2012 - 31 | For 2013 - 37 | |
| 6 Pedestrian | 16 | Pedestrian |
| 3 Bicycle | 2 | Bicycle |
| 5 Motorcycle | 5 | Motorcycle |

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