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FATAL COLLISION AVIATION AND 22ND STREET

At approximately 11:28 a.m. on March 27, 2013, various citizens called 911 to report that there was a vehicle fully engulfed in flames on East Aviation near the intersection with East 22nd Street. Tucson Police Department motor officers and patrol officers from Operations Division Midtown as well as personnel from the Tucson Fire Department responded to the area. When they arrived, they located a vehicle still in flames. Another vehicle was also present, and it appeared that the vehicles had been involved in a collision. It was believed that at least one occupant of the vehicle, which was on fire, was trapped inside of it. Tucson Fire Department personnel immediately began working to extinguish the flames in order to get to the person(s) inside of the vehicle. By the time that they were able to get to the person inside, they discovered that the person had not survived the collision and subsequent fire. The person was pronounced deceased at the scene. The individual and sole occupant in the burned vehicle was later determined to be an adult female. Her identity will be confirmed during the course of an autopsy conducted by the Office of the Medical Examiner. The driver of the other involved vehicle was transported to a local hospital with minor injuries.

Detectives from the Traffic Investigations Unit responded to the area in order to conduct a more thorough investigation of the collision. They examined and collected evidence at the scene and conducted various interviews. The detectives determined that a black, Ford Mustang was traveling westbound on East Aviation in the center lane. A silver Toyota Corolla was initially facing eastbound in the left turn lane to complete a left turn on to eastbound 22nd Street. The silver Corolla did not yield the right of way to the black Mustang and initiated the left turn. The driver of the Mustang was not able to avoid a collision with the Toyota. Both vehicles came to a stop just west of the traffic signal at the intersection, and both were severely damaged as a result of the collision, with the Toyota bursting into flames. Preliminary indications are that drugs and/or alcohol were not a factor in the collision.

Fatalities year to date:

For 2012 - 10

2 Pedestrian
0 Bicycle
2 Motorcycle

For 2013 - 11

5 Pedestrian
0 Bicycle
0 Motorcycle

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