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FATAL VEHICLE COLLISION EAST ROGER ROAD AND NORTH MOUNTAIN AVENUE

On May 17, 2014, at 2:35 a.m., officers from Operations Division West responded to a report of a vehicle collision in the area of Roger Road and Mountain Avenue. Upon arrival, officers located a 2012 Dodge Charger and a 1991 Volkswagon 4-door which had been involved in a collision. The driver of the Volkswagon was pronounced deceased at the scene. The driver of the Dodge Charger was not injured. No one else was involved in the collision.

Detectives from the Traffic Investigations Unit responded to continue the investigation. They determined that the Volkswagon was traveling westbound on Roger Road passing through the intersection of Mountain Avenue, which is a 4-way stop. The Dodge Charger was traveling westbound on Roger Road at a high rate of speed. The Dodge Charger overtook and rear ended the Volkswagon in the intersection. The collision caused the Volkswagon to rotate and veer off the roadway into the dirt shoulder on the north side of the street. The Dodge Charger continued, out of control westbound, spinning off the roadway onto the north side dirt shoulder at Fremont Avenue.

Officers at the scene noticed signs and symptoms of intoxication on the driver of the Dodge Charger. A DUI investigation was conducted and the driver was arrested. He was identified as 21-year old Jean P. Villena-Celis. Mr. Villena-Celis was booked into the Pima County Jail for 1 count of 2nd Degree Murder and 1 count of Criminal Damage.

The driver of the Volkswagon was identified as 63-year old Juan Lorenzo Avila-Arce. Next of kin have been notified.

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Fatalities year to date:

For 2013 – 15

6 Pedestrians
0 Bicycle
2 Motorcycle

For 2014 – 13

4 Pedestrians
0 Bicycle
0 Motorcycle

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