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FATAL PEDESTRIAN COLLISION EAST SPEEDWAY AND NORTH RICHEY

At approximately 2:59 p.m. on October 19, 2013, officers from Operations Division Midtown responded to the area of East Speedway and North Richey in order to investigate a reported motor vehicle collision involving a pedestrian. Upon their arrival, the officers found an adult male in the roadway. The male was suffering from serious injuries. Unfortunately, he succumbed to his injuries while at the scene of the collision and was pronounced deceased. He has been identified as 28-year old Matthew Bono. Next of kin have been notified.

Detectives from the Traffic Investigations Unit responded to the area in order to further the investigation. They collected and examined roadway evidence as well as conducted various interviews. The detectives learned that Mr. Bono was crossing East Speedway in a marked crosswalk at the intersection with North Richey. He was walking southbound. A 1977 half ton pickup truck was traveling eastbound on East Speedway in the middle traffic lane. The truck struck Mr. Bono as he was crossing the roadway. Initially, the truck did not stop after striking Mr. Bono. However, witnesses to the collision followed the truck and were ultimately able to get the attention of the driver, who circled the block and returned to the scene of the collision.

The driver of the vehicle that struck Mr. Bono was identified as Edward George, 74-years old. There were indications that he was under the influence of alcohol at the time of the collision. For that reason, he was arrested and charged with 1 count of Second Degree Murder, a felony offense. Mr. George was transported and booked into the Pima County Jail. A booking photograph is not yet available.

Fatalities year to date:

For 2012 - 31	For 2013 - 35	
6 Pedestrian	15 Pedestrian	
3 Bicycle	2 Bicycle	
5 Motorcycle	5 Motorcycle	

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