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FATAL VEHICLE COLLISION EAST GOLF LINKS AND SOUTH ALVERNON

On the late evening of April 7, 2013, the Tucson Police Department was advised of a serious injury motor vehicle collision that occurred in the vicinity of East Golf Links Road and South Alvernon Way. Officers from Operations Division Midtown responded to the area in order to initiate an investigation regarding the collision. Emergency medical personnel from the Tucson Fire Department also responded to the scene. They transported the driver of one of the involved vehicles to a local hospital for further medical evaluation and treatment after it was discovered that the driver had minor injuries as a result of the collision. The driver of the other involved vehicle also had minor injuries, but was able to remain at the scene to participate in the investigation. Unfortunately, the passenger of one of the vehicles was critically injured during the course of the collision. He succumbed to his injuries while at the scene and was pronounced deceased. He has been identified as **26-year old Estevan David N. Zumano**. Next of kin have been notified.

Detectives from the Traffic Investigations Unit responded to the scene of the collision in order to further the investigation. They learned that a 2004 Chevrolet truck was heading westbound/southbound on East Golf Links Road in the curb lane (along the guardrail). The truck struck the guardrail and appeared to overcorrect to the left, causing the passenger to be thrown from the vehicle. The truck then collided with the median before driving over it and into northbound/eastbound traffic. At the time, a 1999 Ford Explorer was northbound/eastbound on East Golf Links Road in the middle of the three eastbound traffic lanes. The Chevrolet truck struck the driver's side of the Ford Explorer, causing the Explorer to roll over in the roadway. Thankfully the driver of the Ford Explorer received only minor injuries as a result of the collision. He did not require transport to a hospital for additional medical evaluation or treatment on the night of the incident.

During the course of the investigation, it was determined that the driver, identified as **22-year old Rede Maria Wamel Sotelo**, of the Chevrolet truck was driving under the influence of alcohol. As a result, upon her release from the hospital, she was arrested for **1 count of Second Degree Murder, 1 count of Criminal Damage, and 1 count of Endangerment, all felony offenses**. She was transported and booked into the Pima County Jail. Her booking photograph is included below.

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Rede Maria Wamel Sotelo

Fatalities year to date:

For 2012 - 11

2 Pedestrian
0 Bicycle
2 Motorcycle

For 2013 - 12

5 Pedestrian
0 Bicycle
0 Motorcycle

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