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FATAL VEHICLE COLLISION SOUTH TUCSON BOULEVARD AND EAST DREXEL ROAD

*****UPDATE – AUGUST 16, 2014*****

An arrest has been made in the fatal collision that occurred on August 14, 2014 at the intersection of Tucson Boulevard and Drexel Road. Detectives from the Tucson Police Department's Traffic Unit arrested the driver of the Nissan pickup truck. He has been identified as 33 year-old Robert Harrington and was booked into the Pima County Jail. Mr. Harrington has been charged with Second Degree Murder, Aggravated Assault, Felony Criminal Damage, Unlawful Possession of a Narcotic Drug and Unlawful Possession of Narcotic Paraphernalia.



Robert Harrington

Sergeant Pete Dugan – August 16, 2014

*****UPDATE – AUGUST 15, 2014*****



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The passenger who was killed in yesterday's fatal traffic collision at South Tucson Boulevard and East Drexel Road has been identified as 22 year-old Patricia Martinez. Next of kin have been notified.

Sergeant Pete Dugan – August 15, 2014

On August 14, 2014, at 09:16 a.m., officers from Operations Division South responded to a report of a vehicle collision at the intersection of Tucson Boulevard and Drexel Road. Upon arrival, officers located a 1980 Nissan pickup and a 2014 Freightliner box truck that had been involved in a serious collision. The box truck continued after the collision and struck two houses before coming to rest. The 32-year old male driver of the box truck was transported to a local area hospital with minor injuries. The 33-year old male driver of the Nissan pickup was transported to a local area hospital with serious but non-life threatening injuries. The 22-year old female passenger from the Nissan pickup was pronounced deceased at the scene. No residents from either home were injured.

Tucson Police Traffic Detectives responded to continue the investigation. They determined that the Nissan pickup was westbound on Drexel Road. The box truck was southbound on Tucson Boulevard and entered the intersection on a green light. The Nissan pickup ran the red light and was struck by the box truck. The collision caused the Nissan pickup to rotate and come to rest at the southwest corner of the intersection. The box truck jumped the west curb, drove through a block wall and came to rest between two houses, striking them both.

The investigation is ongoing. The name of the deceased female is being withheld pending next of kin notification.

For 2013 – 26

11 Pedestrian
1 Bicycle
3 Motorcycle

For 2014 – 21

5 Pedestrian
1 Bicycle
1 Motorcycle