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FATAL HIT AND RUN COLLISION SOUTH HOUGHTON ROAD AND EAST ESCALANTE ROAD

The Tucson Police Department is currently investigating a fatal hit and run collision that occurred on June 28, 2015, in the area of South Houghton Road and East Escalante Road.

At approximately 8:30 p.m., officers from Operations Division East responded to the area of Houghton Road and Escalante Road for the report of a hit and run collision with injuries. Upon arrival, an adult male was located on the ground near his vehicle, with obvious signs of trauma. Tucson Fire immediately transported the victim to Banner University Medical Center, with life-threatening injuries. The other vehicle involved fled the scene before police arrived.

Detectives responded to the scene to continue the investigation. They were able to determine that the victim knew the occupants of the suspect vehicle and that text messages had been sent back and forth before the collision occurred. The investigation showed that the victim had been traveling northbound on Houghton Road with his two teen-aged sons. The suspect vehicle was also northbound on Houghton, following the victim. As the victim approached East Escalante Road, he pulled over and got out of his vehicle. The suspect vehicle approached shortly after and struck the victim as he was standing by the roadway. Witnesses watched the suspect vehicle strike the victim and then flee the scene.

Detectives investigated the incident throughout the evening and were able to locate the suspect vehicle involved. They have determined that at least two people were inside of the vehicle when the collision took place and they have spoken with both of those individuals. As of this date, the investigation is still on-going while detectives review evidence and verify information received.

On July 5, 2015, the victim passed away due to injuries received from the collision. The victim has been identified as **33-year-old Jonathan Potts**. Next of kin have been notified.

Detectives believe that there may be more witnesses to this incident and are encouraging anyone with information to please call 911 or 88-CRIME. Additional details will be released as they become available.

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Fatalities Year-To-Date:

For 2014 - 16
Pedestrian - 7
Bicycle - 0
Motorcycle - 2

For 2015 - 28
Pedestrian - 8
Bicycle - 1
Motorcycle - 4

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