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FATAL MOTORCYCLE COLLISION – DELAYED NOTIFICATION EAST BROADWAY BLVD AND SOUTH ROSEMONT BLVD

On May 2, 2015, just after 8:15 a.m., officers from Operations Division Midtown and members from the Tucson Fire Department responded to a report of a single vehicle collision involving a scooter on East Broadway Blvd. and South Rosemont Blvd. Several citizens assisted the male rider prior to emergency personnel arrival. Once on scene, officers learned an adult male, wearing a helmet, was riding a 1986 Honda scooter when the front tire went flat causing him to lay down the scooter on East Broadway. The male had been up and walking around and described the incident to the first responders. However, the male began having difficulty breathing and was transported to Carondelet St. Joseph's Hospital for an evaluation. During transport it appeared the male suffered a heart attack and was pronounced deceased a short time later.

An autopsy was later performed on the male and the results revealed he died from injuries related to the collision. The Tucson Police Department Traffic Investigation's Unit reclassified the incident from a death with unknown causes to a fatal collision.

The male rider of the scooter has been identified as 75-year-old James Beal. Next of kin have been notified.

Fatalities Year-To-Date:

For 2014 - 16	For 2015 - 29
Pedestrian - 7	Pedestrian - 7
Bicycle - 0	Bicycle - 1
Motorcycle - 2	Motorcycle - 5

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