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FATAL MOTORCYCLE COLLISION 2900 BLOCK OF SOUTH KINO PARKWAY

On July 13, 2022, just after 1:00 p.m., officers from Operations Division South and Tucson Fire Department Medics responded to a report of a collision involving a black 2021 BMW R18 motorcycle and a white 2005 Ford F650 tow truck in the 2900 block of S. Kino Parkway. Upon arrival, TFD transported the motorcyclist to Banner University Medical Center (BUMC) with life-threatening injuries. Shortly after arriving at the hospital, the motorcyclist was pronounced deceased. He has been identified as 51-year-old **Justin Schultz Cetas**. Next of kin was notified of his passing.

Traffic Unit Detectives were contacted and responded to continue the investigation. Interviews conducted by officers and detectives determined that the motorcyclist was riding northbound on Kino Parkway in the median lane. At this time, the tow truck attempted to make a left turn in front of the motorcycle from a business located on the east side of Kino Parkway, causing Mr. Cetas to collide with the rear passenger side of the tow truck. The driver of the tow truck immediately stopped and cooperated with the investigation.

An officer from the DUI Unit responded to the scene and determined that the tow truck driver was not impaired at the time of the collision.

Interviews in conjunction with roadway evidence determined that failing to yield while making a left turn by the tow truck is the major contributing factor. The investigation is ongoing, and no charges or citations have been issued at this time.

Fatalities Year to Date:

For 2021 - 47	For 2022 - 52
Pedestrian - 12	Pedestrian- 22
Bicycle - 05	Bicycle - 03
Motorcycle - 08	Motorcycle - 13
Vehicle - 22	Vehicle - 14

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