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FATAL MOTORCYCLE COLLISION 600 BLOCK OF EAST DELANO STREET

On March 19, 2017, just before 3:30 a.m., officers from Operations Division West and members from the Tucson Fire Department responded to a report of a serious injury motorcycle collision in front of 613 E. Delano Street. Upon arrival, Tucson Fire immediately transported the victim to Banner University Medical Center with life threatening injuries. No other vehicles were involved in the collision.

Detectives from the Tucson Police Traffic Investigations Unit responded to the scene to continue the investigation. They were able to determine that the victim was traveling southbound on N. 1st Avenue on a yellow 2001 BMW Motorcycle. As the victim approached East Delano Street, he began to drift to the west and entered into a parking lot where he struck a business sign in front of 613 E. Delano Street. The victim was not wearing a helmet.

A DUI investigation was conducted and alcohol appears to be a factor in the collision. Speed does not appear to be a contributing factor.

On March 22, 2017, the victim succumbed to injuries sustained during the collision and was pronounced deceased at the hospital. He has been identified as **63-year-old Andrew Cassells**. Next of kin has been notified.

Fatalities Year-To-Date:

<u>For 2016 - 6</u>	<u>For 2017 - 13</u>
Pedestrian - 2	Pedestrian - 6
Bicycle - 0	Bicycle - 1
Motorcycle - 2	Motorcycle - 5

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