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FATAL MOTORCYCLE COLLISION NORTH 11TH AVENUE AND WEST LEE STREET

On September 22, 2017, just after 9:00 a.m., officers from Operations Division West and members from the Tucson Fire Department responded to a serious injury collision involving a motorcycle rider and construction vehicle on N. 11th Ave. and W. Lee St. Upon arrival, they located an adult male motorcycle rider with obvious signs of injury. The male was transported to Banner University Medical Center with life-threatening injuries. The driver of the construction vehicle was not injured.

Detectives with the Tucson Police Department Traffic Investigations Unit responded to the scene to continue the investigation. They were able to determine the rider of a 2010 white/gray Yamaha motorcycle was traveling northbound on 11th Ave., approaching W. Lee St. The rider failed to yield at a posted yield sign and collided with the front bucket of a construction front loader that was in the process of making a left turn onto eastbound Lee St. from 11th Ave. The rider was not wearing a helmet. Speed appears to be a factor in this collision. Detectives also learned the motorcycle had been reported stolen on September 18, 2017.

On September 25, 2017, detectives with the Tucson Police Department Traffic investigations Unit were advised the rider succumbed to injuries and was pronounced deceased at the hospital on September 23, 2017. He has been identified as **33-year-old Jason Aaron Bake**. His next of kin has been notified.

Fatalities Year-To-Date:

For 2016 - 40
Pedestrian - 11
Bicycle - 4
Motorcycle - 8

For 2017 - 40
Pedestrian - 18
Bicycle - 1
Motorcycle - 9

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