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FATAL MOTORCYCLE COLLISION NORTH WILMOT ROAD AND EAST EL DORADO PLACE

On March 6, 2019, shortly after 8:00 a.m., officers from Operations Division East were dispatched to the intersection of N. Wilmot Rd. and E. El Dorado Pl. reference a serious-injury vehicle collision involving a motorcycle.

Upon arrival, officers were advised Tucson Fire responded to the intersection and transported the motorcycle rider to Banner University Medical Center with life-threatening injuries. Shortly after arriving to the hospital, the rider passed away from his injuries. He has been identified as 35 year-old **Noah J. Duke**. Next of kin has been notified. Traffic investigators were contacted and responded to continue the investigation. According to interviews conducted by officers and detectives, Mr. Duke was riding his white 2008 Suzuki motorcycle northbound on Wilmot Rd. from Speedway Blvd. Witnesses advised the motorcycle was traveling at a high rate of speed. A gold 1998 Mercedes Benz passenger vehicle was traveling southbound on Wilmot Rd. and was making a left turn to go east on El Dorado Pl. The motorcycle collided with the front passenger door of the Mercedes. Mr. Duke was wearing a helmet. The driver of the Mercedes stopped her vehicle just east of the intersection. She was transported to Tucson Medical Center with minor injuries. A DUI officer responded to the hospital and determined the driver of the Mercedes was not impaired at the time of the collision.

Interviews, in conjunction with the processing of the roadway evidence, indicate that speed was possibly a factor in this collision. More accurate speed calculations will be known after accident reconstruction is completed. The investigation is on-going and no arrests or citations have been issued at this time.

Fatalities Year-To-Date:

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| <u>For 2018 - 15</u> | <u>For 2019 - 10</u> |
| Pedestrian - 7 | Pedestrian - 4 |
| Bicycle - 0 | Bicycle - 0 |
| Motorcycle - 1 | Motorcycle - 4 |
| Vehicle - 6 | Vehicle - 2 |

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