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FATAL MOTORCYCLE COLLISION SOUTH LIBERTY AVENUE AND WEST IRVINGTON ROAD

On March 15, 2017, shortly before 8:15 p.m., officers from Operations Division South and members from the Tucson Fire Department responded to a report of a serious injury collision involving a motorcycle and a truck on S. Liberty Ave. and W. Irvington Rd. Upon arrival, they located an adult male rider of the motorcycle obvious signs of trauma. Paramedics immediately transported him to Banner University Medical Center with life-threatening injuries. The driver of the truck was not injured. In the evening on March 16, 2017, the rider of the motorcycle succumbed to injuries and was pronounced deceased at the hospital.

Detectives from the Tucson Police Department Traffic Investigations Unit responded to the scene to continue the investigation. They interviewed witnesses and collected evidence. They learned the rider of a 2016 Yamaha motorcycle was westbound on Irvington Rd. from the area of S. 6th Ave. The rider was in the curb lane and quickly passed a sport utility vehicle before returning to the curb lane. The driver of a silver 1989 GMC 1 ton pickup truck was stopped for the stop sign southbound on Liberty Ave, on the north side of Irvington Rd. Liberty Avenue is an offset intersection. The driver of the truck intended to proceed from the stop sign and make an eastbound turn into the universal turn lane onto W. Irvington Rd. before making a southbound turn onto S. Liberty Ave. As the driver of the truck began the turn, the rider of the motorcycle collided with the front driver's side fender behind the front tire of the truck. The rider of the motorcycle was not wearing a helmet and detectives are continuing the investigation to determine if speed was a factor. The investigation is ongoing and no citations or arrests have been made at this time.

The rider of the motorcycle has been identified as 20-year-old Trystan Coleman. Next of kin has been notified.



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Fatalities Year-To-Date:

For 2016 - 6

Pedestrian - 2

Bicycle - 0

Motorcycle - 2

For 2017 - 10

Pedestrian - 5

Bicycle - 1

Motorcycle - 3

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