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FATAL MOTORCYCLE COLLISION WEST ST. MARY'S ROAD AND NORTH GRANADA AVENUE

Just after 6:00 p.m. on September 22, 2015, officers from Operations Division Downtown responded to a report of a serious injury collision at the intersection of West St. Mary's Road and North Granada Avenue. Upon arrival, officers learned that a motorcycle had been struck by a vehicle in the middle of the intersection. Tucson Fire was on scene and immediately transported the adult male motorcyclist to Banner University Medical Center with life threatening injuries.

Tucson Police Department Traffic Detectives responded to the scene to continue the investigation. They were able to determine that the motorcyclist was westbound on St. Mary's Road, approaching the intersection of North Granada Avenue. A 1998 Saturn was stopped eastbound on St. Mary's Road, waiting to make a northbound turn onto Granada Avenue. The motorcyclist entered the intersection on a solid green light behind a vehicle in front of him. The driver of the Saturn failed to yield and made the northbound turn, striking the motorcyclist.

On September 23, 2015 the victim succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased at Banner University Medical Center. He has been identified as 29-year-old Richard Umberger. Next of kin has been notified.

The driver of the Saturn was cited for Failure to Yield While Making a Left Turn at an Intersection (ARS 28-772) and arrested/released for a misdemeanor charge of Causing a Collision with Serious Physical Injury (ARS 28-672).

Fatalities Year-To-Date:

For 2014 - 23
Pedestrian - 6
Bicycle - 2
Motorcycle - 1

For 2015 - 43
Pedestrian - 10
Bicycle - 4
Motorcycle - 6

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