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FATAL PEDESTRIAN COLLISION 200 BLOCK OF WEST WETMORE ROAD (NEAR NORTH NEFFSON DRIVE)

On March 3, 2017, just after 6:00 a.m., officers from Operations Division West and members from the Tucson Fire Department responded to the 200 block of West Wetmore Road for a report of a serious injury collision involving a vehicle and a pedestrian. Upon arrival, they located an adult female in the roadway who was receiving CPR from a local citizen. Tucson Fire took over medical treatment, however the pedestrian was pronounced deceased on scene. The driver of the vehicle was not injured and remained on scene.

Detectives from the Tucson Police Traffic Investigations Unit responded to continue the investigation. They were able to determine that the driver of a 2013 Chrysler 200 was traveling eastbound on West Wetmore Road from North Oracle Road. The vehicle was in the median lane next to another vehicle that was traveling slightly ahead in the curb lane. The pedestrian began crossing northbound across Wetmore and was not in a crosswalk. The vehicle in the curb lane narrowly missed the pedestrian. As the pedestrian entered the median lane, she was struck by the Chrysler. The driver of the Chrysler did not see the pedestrian until the collision occurred. Neither speed nor impairments appear to be factors in the collision. There were no arrests or citations issued.

The pedestrian has been identified as 57-year-old Maria Martinez-Saavedra. Next of kin has been notified.

Fatalities Year-To-Date:

<u>For 2016 - 6</u>	<u>For 2017 - 8</u>
Pedestrian – 2	Pedestrian - 5
Bicycle - 0	Bicycle - 1
Motorcycle - 2	Motorcycle - 2

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