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FATAL PEDESTRIAN COLLISION 5100 BLOCK OF EAST SPEEDWAY BOULEVARD

On December 2, 2022, just after 9:45 p.m., officers from Operations Division Midtown were dispatched to the 5100 block of E. Speedway Blvd. for a collision involving an adult female pedestrian and a passenger vehicle. Tucson Fire Department personnel responded and began rendering aid to the pedestrian, ultimately transporting her to St. Joseph's Hospital with life-threatening injuries. Shortly after arriving at the hospital, the pedestrian succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced deceased. She has been identified as 61-year-old **Tobie Lee Fares**. Next of kin has been notified of her passing.

Detectives from the Traffic Investigations Unit were contacted and responded to the scene to continue the investigation. Detectives learned that Ms. Fares was crossing Speedway Blvd. in a north-to-south direction. As she was crossing, she was struck by a blue 2018 Nissan Sentra that was traveling westbound on Speedway Blvd. in the middle lane. The 40-year-old male driver immediately stopped after the collision and cooperated with the investigation.

An officer from the Impaired Driver Enforcement Unit (IDEU) responded to the scene and determined that the driver was not impaired at the time of the collision. Interviews conducted by officers and detectives in conjunction with roadway evidence determined that Ms. Fares was not in a marked or unmarked crosswalk when she was crossing the road. Detectives have listed mid-block crossing as the major contributing factor in the collision. The investigation remains ongoing, and no charges or citations have been issued.

Fatalities Year to Date:

For 2021 - 76	For 2022 - 91
Pedestrian - 25	Pedestrian- 46
Bicycle - 7	Bicycle - 5
Motorcycle - 10	Motorcycle - 16
Vehicle - 34	Vehicle - 24

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