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FATAL PEDESTRIAN COLLISION 6900 BLOCK OF SOUTH ALVERNON WAY

On March 26, 2017 at 3:45 a.m., officers from Operations Division South responded to the 6900 block of South Alvernon Way for a report of a serious injury collision involving a vehicle and pedestrian. Tucson Fire personnel provided medical treatment, however the pedestrian was pronounced deceased on scene shortly after arrival.

Detectives from the Tucson Police Traffic Investigations Unit responded to continue the investigation. In the area where the collision took place, Alvernon Way has one northbound and one southbound lane along with a universal left turn lane. The driver involved was traveling southbound on S. Alvernon Way in a gray, 2007 Volkswagen Jetta. A second vehicle was stopped facing northbound in the northbound lane. As the driver of the Volkswagen was noticing the stopped vehicle, he ended up striking the pedestrian who was in the southbound lane of travel. The driver immediately stopped and called 911. The second vehicle left the scene before police arrival.

Detectives were able to determine that the pedestrian was not standing at the time of the collision. It appears the pedestrian was lying in the roadway for an unknown reason. There is no evidence at this time showing the pedestrian had been previously injured or struck by another vehicle prior to being hit by the Volkswagen. Speed does not appear to be a factor in the collision. The pedestrian was not in a crosswalk and no citations have been issued to the driver. The vehicle that left the scene was not located. Detectives are uncertain if the occupant(s) of that vehicle were somehow involved, knew the victim or were a witness to the collision. Anyone with information is asked to call 88-CRIME.

The pedestrian has been identified as **19-year-old Selena Analicia Hernandez**. Next of kin has been notified.

Fatalities Year-To-Date:

<u>For 2016 - 8</u>	<u>For 2017 - 15</u>
Pedestrian - 2	Pedestrian - 8
Bicycle - 0	Bicycle - 1
Motorcycle - 3	Motorcycle - 5

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