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FATAL PEDESTRIAN COLLISION EAST 22ND STREET AND SOUTH BRYANT AVENUE

On December 27th, 2022, at approximately 9:20 p.m., officers from Operations Division Midtown responded to the intersection of E. 22nd St. and S. Bryant Ave. for reports of a collision involving a red 2002 Chevrolet Tahoe and an adult male pedestrian. Personnel from the Tucson Fire Department responded and transported the pedestrian to Banner University Medical Center with life-threatening injuries. Shortly after arriving at the hospital, he was pronounced deceased. His identity is being withheld at this time, pending next of kin notification.

Detectives from the Traffic Investigations Unit were contacted and responded to the scene to continue the investigation. Interviews conducted by officers and detectives in conjunction with roadway evidence determined that the pedestrian was crossing 22nd St. in a north-to-south direction. At the same time, the Tahoe was traveling eastbound on 22nd St. in the median lane when it struck the pedestrian. The driver of the Tahoe immediately stopped after the collision and cooperated with the investigation. An officer from the Impaired Driver Enforcement (IDE) unit responded to assist with the investigation. The IDE officer determined that the driver of the Tahoe was not impaired by alcohol or drugs at the time of the collision.

The pedestrian was not in a marked or unmarked crosswalk and was wearing dark clothing. Mid-block crossing by the pedestrian is the major contributing factor of the collision.

This is an ongoing investigation, and no charges or citations have been issued at this time.

Fatalities Year to Date:

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| For 2021 - 84 | For 2022 - 98 |
| Pedestrian - 29 | Pedestrian- 49 |
| Bicycle - 7 | Bicycle - 6 |
| Motorcycle - 10 | Motorcycle - 17 |
| Vehicle - 38 | Vehicle - 26 |

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