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FATAL PEDESTRIAN COLLISION EAST PIMA STREET AND NORTH ROOK AVENUE

The Tucson Police Department is actively investigating a fatal pedestrian collision that occurred last month on Tucson's East Side.

On March 26, 2019, just before 10:00 p.m., officers from Operations Division East and members of the Tucson Fire Department were dispatched to the intersection of E. Pima Street and N. Rook Avenue for the report of a serious injury collision involving a pedestrian. Upon arrival, Tucson Fire transported the pedestrian to Banner University Medical Center with life-threatening injuries. He was identified as **49-year-old Daniel Benavidez**.

Detectives with the Tucson Police Traffic Investigations Unit responded to further the investigation. Based on the processing of roadway evidence and the interviews conducted by officers and detectives, it was determined that Mr. Benavidez was walking across Pima Street at Rook Avenue, traveling from north to south. He was crossing in a marked crosswalk that was both painted and signed. At the same time, the driver of a 2018 Hyundai Sonota was traveling eastbound in the curb lane and struck Mr. Benavidez. The driver remained on scene and cooperated with detectives. A DUI Officer responded and determined the driver was not impaired at the time of the collision. The investigation also revealed that speed did not appear to be a factor.

On the evening of April 3, 2019, Mr. Benavidez sadly passed away from injuries sustained during the collision. Next of kin have been notified.

This is an on-going investigation. No arrests or citations have been issued at this time. Anyone with information is asked to call 88-CRIME.

Fatalities Year-To-Date:

<u>For 2018 - 18</u>	<u>For 2019 - 16</u>
Pedestrian - 8	Pedestrian - 8
Bicycle - 0	Bicycle - 0
Motorcycle - 2	Motorcycle - 5
Vehicle - 8	Vehicle - 3

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