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FATAL PEDESTRIAN COLLISION EAST SPEEDWAY BOULEVARD AND NORTH WILMOT ROAD

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

On April 18, 2019, at approximately 2:15 p.m., officers from Operations Division East were dispatched to the intersection of East Speedway Boulevard and North Wilmot Road for a report of a serious injury collision involving a pedestrian. Tucson Fire was on scene and transported the female pedestrian to Banner University Medical Center with life-threatening injuries. Shortly after arrival, the pedestrian sadly succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced deceased at the hospital. She was identified as **86-year-old Gladys Blackmarr**. Next of kin have been notified.

Detectives with the Tucson Police Traffic Investigations Unit responded to the scene. Based on interviews conducted by officers and detectives, it appears Ms. Blackmarr was walking southbound across Speedway and was in the marked crosswalk on the east side of the intersection. At the same time, the driver of a Ford F-250 pick-up truck was making a left turn from southbound Wilmot onto eastbound Speedway and struck Ms. Blackmarr. The driver involved immediately stopped and cooperated with the investigation. A Drug Recognition Expert with the Tucson Police Department determined the driver was not impaired at the time of the collision.

After speaking with witnesses and processing roadway evidence, speed does not appear to be a factor. Detectives are continuing their investigation and as of today's date no arrests or citations have been issued. Additional details will be released as they become available. Anyone with information is asked to call 88-CRIME. You can remain anonymous.

Fatalities Year-To-Date:

<u>For 2018 - 20</u>	<u>For 2019 - 18</u>
Pedestrian - 9	Pedestrian - 9
Bicycle - 0	Bicycle - 0
Motorcycle - 2	Motorcycle - 5
Vehicle - 9	Vehicle - 4

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