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### **FATAL HIT AND RUN PEDESTRIAN COLLISION EAST SPEEDWAY BOULEVARD AND NORTH ARCADIA AVENUE**

On January 26, 2017, just before 8:00 p.m., officers from Operations Division Midtown and members from the Tucson Fire Department responded to East Speedway Boulevard and North Arcadia Avenue for a report of a hit and run collision involving a pedestrian. Upon arrival, they located an adult male victim in the roadway. Tucson Fire immediately transported the victim to Banner University Medical Center with life threatening injuries. Shortly after arrival at the hospital, the victim sadly passed away.

Detectives from the Tucson Police Department Traffic Investigations Unit responded to continue the investigation. They were able to determine that the victim was walking southbound across E. Speedway Boulevard at the intersection of N. Arcadia Avenue. He was crossing at the east portion of the intersection in an unmarked crosswalk area. The west portion of the intersection has a painted crosswalk and is equipped with a HAWK light for pedestrians. The victim was struck in the curb lane of eastbound traffic. The vehicle involved fled from the scene immediately after the collision. A witness called 911 and described the vehicle involved as a dark colored Audi. Detectives were able to determine that the vehicle would most likely have significant front-end damage, to include a shattered windshield. That information was provided to the local media, who then shared those details with the public.

On the morning of January 27, 2017, the owner of a dark colored Audi called 911 to report his vehicle stolen. A short time later, a local citizen called police after noticing a dark colored Audi parked in her neighborhood with front-end damage and a shattered windshield. The citizen advised she had watched the hit and run story on the news and recognized the vehicle. Detectives responded and were able to connect the vehicle to the hit and run collision. As they continued their investigation, they were able to determine that the registered owner had been operating the vehicle at the time of the collision.

The driver was identified as 26-year-old Alexander Newton. He was booked into the Pima County Jail on one felony count of "Failure to Remain at a Collision Causing a Fatality."

The victim has been identified as 57-year-old Nelson Begay Six. Next of kin have been notified.

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It is uncertain at this time if speed or impairments were a factor in the collision.

A special thanks to the citizens and local media who assisted detectives with this investigation.

### **Fatalities Year-To-Date:**

For 2016 - 2

Pedestrian - 0

Bicycle - 0

Motorcycle - 1

For 2017 - 2

Pedestrian - 2

Bicycle - 0

Motorcycle - 0

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