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FATAL HIT AND RUN PEDESTRIAN COLLISION NORTH CAMPBELL AVENUE AND EAST MITCHELL STREET

*****UPDATE – OCTOBER 5, 2017*****

The pedestrian has been identified as 70-year-old Mario Cortes. Next of kin has been notified. The investigation is ongoing and detectives are still searching for the driver and the outstanding dark vehicle with front-end damage. They are urging anyone with information to please call 88-CRIME (you can remain anonymous).

Sergeant Kimberly Bay – October 5, 2017

On October 2, 2017, at 8:10p.m., officers from Operations Division West and members from the Tucson Fire Department responded to a report of a serious injury hit and run collision involving a pedestrian on N. Campbell Ave. and E. Mitchell St. Paramedics were first on scene and immediately began rendering aid to the adult male pedestrian. He was immediately transported to Banner University Medical Center with life-threatening injuries but later succumbed to those injuries at the hospital and was pronounced deceased. His identity is being withheld, pending next of kin notification.

Detectives with the Tucson Police Department Traffic Investigations Unit responded to the scene to continue the investigation. They learned the pedestrian was on the southwest quadrant of N. Campbell Ave. and E. Mitchell St. and was crossing eastbound across Campbell Ave. As he traversed the unmarked crosswalk he was struck by a dark vehicle that was northbound on Campbell Ave. The driver of the vehicle fled northbound on Campbell Ave. and remains outstanding. The vehicle should have front-end damage. The investigation is ongoing and detectives are urging anyone with information to please call 88-CRIME (you can remain anonymous).

Fatalities Year-To-Date:

For 2016 - 41
Pedestrian - 11
Bicycle - 4
Motorcycle - 9

For 2017 - 46
Pedestrian - 22
Bicycle - 1
Motorcycle – 10

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