



NEWS RELEASE

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FATAL PEDESTRIAN COLLISION WEST SILVERLAKE ROAD & SOUTH COTTONWOOD LANE

On February 28, 2019, at approximately 7:30 a.m., officers from Operations Division South, along with members of the Tucson Fire Department, were dispatched to the area of West Silverlake Road and South Cottonwood Lane for a report of a collision involving a pedestrian. When officers arrived on scene, Tucson Fire was transporting the pedestrian to Banner University Medical Center with life threatening injuries. Shortly after arriving at the hospital, the pedestrian sadly passed away from her injuries. She was identified as **17-year-old Joana Sendino**. Next of kin have been notified.

Detectives with the Tucson Police Traffic Investigations Unit responded to continue the investigation. They were able to determine Ms. Sendino was crossing Silverlake Road from south to north, just west of Cottonwood Lane. At the same time, a silver 2016 Chevrolet Cruz was traveling eastbound in the median lane. A large truck was also traveling eastbound in the curb lane, just ahead of the Chevy Cruz. Based on information from witnesses and the driver of the Chevy Cruz, Ms. Sendino ran across the road immediately after the truck passed in front of her. As she entered the median lane she was struck by the Chevy Cruz. The driver saw the pedestrian run into the roadway, but was unable to stop in time. The area where Ms. Sendino was crossing does not have a marked/painted crosswalk and was just west of the intersection.

After processing roadway evidence and conducting interviews at the scene, detectives believe speed was a possible factor in the collision. They are continuing their investigation and are asking anyone with information to please call 88-CRIME. At this time, no citations have been issued. Additional details will be provided as they become available.

Fatalities Year-To-Date:

<u>For 2018 - 14</u>	<u>For 2019 - 9</u>
Pedestrian - 6	Pedestrian - 4
Bicycle - 0	Bicycle - 0
Motorcycle - 1	Motorcycle - 3
Vehicle - 6	Vehicle - 2

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