



## NEWS RELEASE

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### FATAL PEDESTRIAN COLLISION WEST 22<sup>ND</sup> STREET AND SOUTH 8<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE **\*\*\*UPDATE – FEBRUARY 11, 2013\*\*\***

The male pedestrian, who was struck and killed in the area of West 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and South 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue on the evening of February 9, 2013, has been identified as 50-year old Roberto V. Romero. Next of kin have been notified.

Sergeant Maria Hawke – February 11, 2013

At approximately 7:45 p.m. on February 9, 2013, the Tucson Police Department was advised of a motor vehicle accident involving a pedestrian that had occurred at the intersection of West 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and South 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Officers from Operations Division Downtown responded to the area in order to initiate the investigation. When they arrived, they found an adult male lying in the roadway. He was suffering from obvious signs of trauma. Emergency medical personnel from the Tucson Fire Department also responded to the scene. They ultimately pronounced the male deceased. Described as a 50-year old Hispanic male, the victim's name is being withheld pending next of kin notification.

Detectives from the Traffic Investigations Unit also responded to the area in order to further the investigation. They collected and examined roadway evidence as well as conducted various interviews with persons who had been present when the collision occurred. The detectives learned that the male pedestrian had been walking northbound across West 22<sup>nd</sup> Street at the intersection with South 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. A white 2001 Ford F250 pickup truck was traveling westbound on West 22<sup>nd</sup> Street in the median westbound traffic lane. The truck struck the pedestrian as he was crossing the roadway. Detectives were unable to determine if the pedestrian was in a crosswalk at the time that he was struck. Additionally, there were no operating streetlights at the intersection, and the pedestrian was wearing dark clothing. The driver and other occupants of the vehicle remained at the scene and cooperated with the investigation. No citations have been issued.

Fatalities year to date:

For 2012 - 5

0 Pedestrian  
0 Bicycle

For 2013 - 5

3 Pedestrian  
0 Bicycle

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