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## FATAL PEDESTRIAN COLLISION (DELAYED) 4400 BLOCK OF NORTH FIRST AVENUE

On November 24, 2022, just after 7:00 p.m., patrol officers from Operations Division West and Tucson Fire Department Medics responded to the 4400 block of N. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, near E. Wetmore Road, for a report of a serious-injury collision involving a pedestrian. Upon arrival, TFD transported the pedestrian to Banner University Medical Center with life-threatening injuries. Traffic Unit Detectives were briefed and responded to continue the investigation.

According to witness interviews, detectives believe that the pedestrian was crossing 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue in a northwest direction while pushing a shopping cart. The pedestrian was not in a marked or unmarked crosswalk and was struck by a silver 2006 Dodge Charger, which was traveling north on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. The driver of the Charger immediately stopped after the collision and cooperated with the investigation. Police identified the driver as a 62-year-old male and determined that he was not impaired at the time of the crash. Interviews in conjunction with roadway evidence suggest that mid-block crossing by the pedestrian is the major contributing factor in the collision. The pedestrian remained in the hospital; receiving care for his injuries.

On November 29, 2022, the Tucson Police Department was notified that the pedestrian had passed away as a result of the injuries he sustained. Investigators identified the pedestrian as 44-year-old **Austin Dean Henderson**. His family was made aware of his passing. The investigation remains open; however, it is unlikely that any charges or citations will be issued.

### Fatalities Year to Date:

<b>For 2021 - 75</b>	<b>For 2022 - 89</b>
Pedestrian - 25	Pedestrian - 44
Bicycle - 7	Bicycle - 5
Motorcycle - 10	Motorcycle - 16
Vehicle - 33	Vehicle - 24

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