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### FATAL HIT AND RUN PEDESTRIAN COLLISION 1200 BLOCK OF SOUTH CRAYCROFT ROAD

The Tucson Police Department is investigating a fatal hit and run pedestrian collision that occurred in the 1200 block of South Craycroft Road on Friday night.

On May 29, 2015, around 9:45 p.m., officers from Operations Division Midtown responded to a report of a pedestrian struck by a vehicle on Craycroft Road just south of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street. Multiple callers advised the vehicle involved in the collision fled the scene. Members from the Tucson Fire Department also responded. Upon arrival, they located an adult female with life-threatening injuries. The female was immediately transported to Banner University Medical Center, where she later died from her injuries.

Detectives from the Tucson Police Department Traffic Investigations Unit responded to continue the investigation. They were able to determine the female was crossing Craycroft Road from east to west. She was not in a crosswalk. A vehicle was traveling southbound on Craycroft Road and struck the female. The occupants of the vehicle exited to check the female but then got back in the vehicle and left the area. The vehicle is described as a newer model dark-colored SUV and should have front end damage. The investigation is ongoing and further information will be released when it becomes available. Anyone with information is urged to call 911 or 88-CRIME.

The pedestrian has been identified as 69 year-old Patricia Berkinson. Next of kin has been notified.

#### Fatalities Year-To-Date:

For 2014 - 12	For 2015 - 23
Pedestrian - 3	Pedestrian - 6
Bicycle - 0	Bicycle - 1
Motorcycle - 0	Motorcycle - 3

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