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### FATAL VEHICLE COLLISION 1000 BLOCK OF EAST RIVER ROAD

The Tucson Police Department is actively investigating a fatal vehicle collision that occurred early this morning on Tucson's west side.

On September 12, 2017, just after 3:00 a.m., officers from Operations Division West and members from the Tucson Fire Department responded to the 1000 block of East River Road for a report of a single vehicle rollover collision. Citizens had located the flipped vehicle in the roadway and had removed the unresponsive adult male driver. CPR was administered until Tucson Fire was on scene and able to take over medical treatment. Shortly after first responders arrived, the male driver was pronounced deceased on scene.

Detectives with the Tucson Police Traffic Investigations Unit responded to continue the investigation. They were able to determine that the driver was traveling eastbound on River Road at a high rate of speed. As he attempted to negotiate a bend in the roadway, he lost control of the vehicle and ended up in the westbound lanes of traffic where he hit the northern curb and a decorative wall. It is unknown at this time if impairments were a factor in the collision.

As detectives continued their investigation, they learned that the vehicle involved, a black Chevrolet Impala, had been stolen from a used car dealership a short time prior to the collision.

The driver was identified as **26-year-old Michael Herrera**. Next of kin has been notified.

#### Fatalities Year-To-Date:

For 2016 - 37  
Pedestrian - 9  
Bicycle - 4  
Motorcycle - 8

For 2017 - 37  
Pedestrian - 17  
Bicycle - 1  
Motorcycle - 8

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