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## NEWS RELEASE

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### FATAL VEHICLE COLLISION 1805 EAST AEROSPACE PARKWAY

The Tucson Police Department is currently investigating a fatal vehicle collision that occurred early this morning.

On June 18, 2016, at 8:25 a.m., officers from Operations Division South responded to the 1800 block of East Aerospace Parkway for a report of a two vehicle rollover collision. Upon arrival, it was determined that both drivers were ejected from their vehicles. Tucson Fire personnel responded and both drivers were pronounced deceased on scene.

Tucson Police Traffic Detectives responded to continue the investigation. They were able to determine that a 2006 Nissan Frontier was traveling eastbound on East Aerospace Parkway, approaching a curve in the road. At the same time, a 2005 Saturn Ion was also eastbound and attempted to pass the Nissan at the curve. That particular section of roadway is marked as a no passing zone. As the Saturn attempted to pass, a third vehicle began approaching from the west. It is uncertain if the two eastbound vehicles collided with each other at that time, but both vehicles left the roadway and rolled multiple times. The westbound vehicle slowed down as the collision occurred and then continued past the scene without stopping. Construction workers nearby witnessed the collision and ran to the scene. They were able to pull an 8-year-old female passenger out of the Nissan. She was transported to Banner University Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries.

Speed appears to be a factor in the collision. It is unknown at this time if impairments were also a factor. Traffic investigators are still working to locate additional witnesses.

The deceased driver of the Nissan has been identified as 40-year-old Jason Bennett. The deceased driver of the Saturn has been identified as 21-year-old Robert Salgado. Next of kin have been notified for both.

#### Fatalities Year-To-Date:

For 2015 - 25

Pedestrian - 6

Bicycle - 1

Motorcycle - 4

For 2016 - 28

Pedestrian - 7

Bicycle - 2

Motorcycle - 7

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