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FATAL VEHICLE COLLISION 4000 BLOCK OF EAST GOLF LINKS ROAD

On July 11, 2022, just before 3:00 a.m., officers from Operations Division Midtown were dispatched to a single-vehicle collision in the 4000 block of E. Golf Links Rd. Tucson Fire Department Medics also responded and transported the involved driver to Banner University Medical Center (BUMC) with life-threatening injuries. Once at the hospital, the driver succumbed to his injuries and passed away. Officers identified the driver as 25-year-old **Chase Aaron Ortiz**. Next of kin was notified.

Traffic Unit Detectives responded to the scene and continued the investigation. Roadway evidence determined that Mr. Ortiz was traveling westbound on Golf Links Rd. in a 2006 Toyota Corolla, well above the posted 40 MPH speed limit. Mr. Ortiz struck the median and continued driving westbound partially on the median for over a quarter mile. The Corolla then struck the curb on the north side of Golf Links Rd. - went off the roadway - and ultimately struck a tree head-on. Detectives noted the driver was not wearing a seatbelt and the vehicle did not have an operable airbag at the time of the collision. Excessive speed is the major contributing factor as detectives are continuing the investigation.

Fatalities Year to Date:

For 2021 - 46	For 2022 - 51
Pedestrian - 12	Pedestrian - 22
Bicycle - 4	Bicycle - 3
Motorcycle - 8	Motorcycle - 12
Vehicle - 22	Vehicle - 14

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