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FATAL VEHICLE COLLISION NORTH SWAN ROAD NEAR EAST GLENN STREET

*****UPDATE – DECEMBER 29, 2016*****

On December 29, 2016, the driver of the Toyota Camry was released from the hospital. He has been identified as 43-year-old Philippe Antonio De La Rosa. Detectives booked De La Rosa in to the Pima County Jail on charges of Manslaughter, Aggravated Assault, Endangerment and Felony Criminal Damage. His booking photo is attached below.



Philippe De La Rosa

Sergeant Pete Dugan – December 29, 2016

On October 30, 2016, around 12:23 a.m., officers from Operations Division Midtown and members from the Tucson Fire Department responded to a report of a serious injury vehicle collision on N. Swan Rd., north of E. Glenn St. Upon arrival, officers located two vehicles involved in the collision. One adult female driver was pronounced deceased on scene. An adult male passenger was not injured. An adult female passenger and the driver of the other vehicle were transported to Banner University Medical Center with serious, but non-life-threatening injuries.

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Detectives from the Tucson Police Department Traffic Investigations Unit responded to the scene to continue the investigation. They learned the adult female driver of a white 2001 Toyota Corolla was traveling northbound on Swan Rd., north of Glenn St. in the median lane. An adult male was a front seat passenger and an adult female was a rear seat passenger in her vehicle. The driver and sole occupant of a white 2004 Toyota Camry was traveling southbound on Swan Rd. approaching E. Glenn St. when he crossed over the painted left turn lane, striking the Corolla head on.

The occupants of the Corolla were all wearing seatbelts. Speed does not appear to be a factor in this collision. However, officers at the scene noticed signs and symptoms of intoxication on the driver of the Camry. The investigation is ongoing and charges are pending. Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

The driver of the Corolla has been identified as **19-year-old Gisela Puerta**. Next of kin have been notified.

Fatalities Year-To-Date:

For 2015 - 48

Pedestrian - 12

Bicycle - 4

Motorcycle - 6

For 2016 - 45

Pedestrian - 12

Bicycle - 4

Motorcycle - 9

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