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FATAL VEHICLE COLLISION SOUTH SIXTH AVENUE AND WEST 44TH STREET

Shortly before 8:00 a.m. this morning, the Public Safety Communications Department (PSCD) received several 9-1-1 calls reporting a serious-injury collision on S. 6th Avenue, south of W. 44th Street. Officers from Operations Division South and Tucson Fire Department Medics responded to assist. Upon arrival, the driver of a gray Hyundai Sonata was transported to Banner University Medical Center South Campus with life-threatening injuries. Shortly after arrival, the driver succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased. Officers identified the driver as 46-year-old **Braulio Gil Estrada**. Next of kin was notified. Detectives from the Traffic Investigations Unit responded to the scene and continued the investigation.

Interviews conducted by officers and detectives – in conjunction with roadway evidence – indicated that the Hyundai was traveling northbound on 6th Avenue at a high rate of speed. The Hyundai rear-ended a dark gray 2008 Dodge Ram pickup, which was positioned in the median lane. The driver of the Dodge Ram, identified as a 21-year-old male, was transported to a local hospital for minor injuries; an officer from the DUI Unit determined that he was not impaired.

Detectives learned that the Hyundai that Mr. Estrada was driving had been reported stolen. Additionally, a front seat passenger from the Hyundai had fled on foot prior to police arrival. Officers were unable to locate the passenger after a brief search. Failure to reduce and control speed by Mr. Estrada is listed as the major contributing factor in the collision. The investigation is ongoing and no arrests or citations have been issued.

Fatalities Year to Date:

For 2021 - 84	For 2022 - 99
Pedestrian - 29	Pedestrian- 49
Bicycle - 7	Bicycle - 6
Motorcycle - 10	Motorcycle - 17
Vehicle - 38	Vehicle - 27

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