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# Media Release



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## FATAL COLLISION 4100 BLOCK OF EAST 29<sup>TH</sup> STREET

On September 8, 2011 at approximately 5 p.m., officers from Operations Division Midtown responded to the area of East 29<sup>th</sup> Street between South Irving Avenue and South Columbus Boulevard for a reported collision involving a pedestrian. Officers determined that the pedestrian had been struck by a vehicle, which had also been involved in a collision with another vehicle. The pedestrian was transported to a local trauma center, where she later succumbed to her injuries. She has been identified as **64-year old Dargee Sabitia**, of Tucson. Next of kin have been notified.

Detectives from the Traffic Investigations Unit responded to the scene to continue the investigation. Detectives collected roadway evidence and interviewed witnesses at the scene. Detectives have determined that Sabitia stepped off of the sidewalk on the north side of East 29<sup>th</sup> Street, and began to walk southbound across the road. She stepped directly into the path of a vehicle travelling in the westbound curb lane. Although the driver, a 46-year old male, swerved into the median lane in an attempt to avert a collision, he struck Sabitia with the front of his vehicle. His vehicle was then struck from behind by the second vehicle, which was traveling westbound in the median lane. Neither of the drivers, nor the adult passenger in each vehicle, was injured. Sabitia was not in a crosswalk.

The investigation is ongoing, and no charges have been filed at this time.

Fatalities year to date:

2010 – 31

2011 – 27

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