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### FATAL TRAFFIC COLLISION 1600 WEST VALENCIA

Officers from Operations Division South responded to the **Chevron Gas Station located at 1600 West Valencia** on the evening of December 9, 2011 in response to a report of a motor vehicle collision involving a pedestrian. The incident was reported at approximately 9:12 p.m., and officers were on scene within approximately 2 minutes. Upon arrival, they found that a vehicle in the parking lot of the gas station had struck an adult female. She appeared to be suffering from life-threatening injuries. Tucson Fire Department personnel responded to the location as well. They transported her to a local hospital. On the morning of December 10, 2011, the female pedestrian, later identified as a **58-year old Tohono O'odham resident named Nancy Martinez**, succumbed to injuries sustained during the collision. She was pronounced deceased at the hospital. Next of kin have been notified.

Detectives from the Traffic Investigations Unit responded to the gas station to further the investigation. They collected evidence at the scene and interviewed various witnesses. The detectives learned that Ms. Martinez had been walking across the parking lot of the gas station. A **white, 2011 Dodge Tow Truck** was driving in reverse in the parking lot. The tow truck struck Ms. Martinez as she was walking. The driver of the tow truck remained on the scene and cooperated with the investigation. There was no indication that drugs or alcohol were a factor in the collision. At this time, the driver tow truck driver is not expected to be cited criminally or civilly for the collision.

Fatalities Year to Date:

For 2010: 44

Pedestrians: 12

Bicyclists: 3

Motorcyclists: 8

For 2011: 45

Pedestrians: 16

Bicyclists: 2

Motorcyclists: 11

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