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FATAL COLLISION 3000 BLOCK OF EAST 6TH STREET

On September 2, 2011 at approximately 2 a.m., officers located an unreported collision that had apparently just occurred in the median at eastbound East 6th Street just west of North Country Club Road. The vehicle, which had struck a tree in the median, was occupied by the driver and four passengers. Two passengers were seriously injured, and were transported to a local trauma center with possibly life-threatening injuries. Front seat passenger **Nicholas Acorn, age 23**, succumbed to his injuries at the hospital a short time later. 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. Detectives have determined that the 1995 Lincoln Towncar, driven by **21-year old Adam James Acorn**, was traveling eastbound on 6th Street when the driver failed to negotiate the slight curve in the roadway just west of North Country Club Road. The vehicle left the roadway, went over the curb, and struck a tree in the landscaped median area. In addition to the Acorns, the vehicle was occupied by two male passengers in their 20's and a female passenger in her 20's. The female, also in the front seat, suffered serious injuries, but is expected to survive. The two male rear seat passengers suffered minor injuries that did not require transport from the scene. The driver and deceased victim are brothers.

The investigation is ongoing, and detectives are investigating the possibility that alcohol may have been a contributing factor in the collision.

Adam Acorn was arrested and charged with **one count of 2nd Degree Murder, one count of Aggravated Assault, and two counts of Endangerment**, all felonies. He was booked into the Pima County Jail.

Fatalities year to date:

2010 – 30

2011 – 24

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