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FATAL COLLISION SOUTH ALVERNON AT EAST 29TH STREET

At approximately 5:50 p.m. on January 5, 2012, the Tucson Police Department was alerted to a motor vehicle collision involving a single motorcycle. The accident occurred on off-ramp at the intersection of South Alvernon Way and East 29th Street. Officers from Operations Division Midtown responded to conduct the initial investigation. Upon arrival, they discovered that the motorcycle rider had life threatening injuries. Personnel from the Tucson Fire Department responded to the incident location as well and transported the adult male to a local area hospital for emergency medical treatment. The motorcyclist, later identified as **50-year old Michael Cummings**, unfortunately succumbed to injuries sustained during the course of the collision. He was pronounced deceased on the early morning of January 8, 2012. Next of kin have been notified. Mr. Cummings was a resident of Iowa and a visitor to the Tucson area.

Detectives from the Traffic Investigations Unit responded to the scene of the collision on the night of the incident. They spoke with witnesses at the scene as well as collected and examined evidence on the roadway. The detectives determined that Mr. Cummings was riding his motorcycle, a **purple 2003 Yamaha V-Star**, southbound on South Alvernon Way. He drove onto the off-ramp that would allow him to continue driving southbound on south Alvernon Way and across South Palo Verde Way at East 29th Street. While on the off-ramp, Mr. Cummings apparently lost control of the motorcycle and crashed. There were no other vehicles involved in the collision. Initial indications were that alcohol was a factor in the collision.

Fatalities year to date:

For 2011 - 0

- 0 Pedestrian
- 0 Bicycle
- 0 Motorcycle

For 2012 - 2

- 0 Pedestrian
- 0 Bicycle
- 1 Motorcycle

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