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FATAL COLLISION NORTH ALVERNON WAY AND EAST BELLEVUE STREET

*****UPDATE – NOVEMBER 22, 2011*****

The deceased male victim from this incident has been identified as **56-year old Ollie L. Branche**. His next of kin have been notified. There is no additional information reference this incident available at this time.

Sergeant Maria Hawke – November 22, 2011

On November 19, 2011 at approximately 7:45 p.m., the Tucson Police Department responded to a 911 call reporting a collision involving a pedestrian and a driver who fled from the scene, at North Alvernon Way and East Bellevue Street. Officers from Operations Division Midtown responded and were on scene within two minutes. Officers located an adult male in the roadway. The male had suffered serious trauma, and died at the scene. He has been identified as a **male in his mid-50's**. Next of kin have not yet been notified.

Detectives from the Traffic Investigations Unit responded to continue the investigation at the scene. Detectives examined and collected roadway evidence and interviewed witnesses. Detectives have determined that the victim was walking westbound across Alvernon at Bellevue in an unmarked crosswalk area, when he apparently fell in the roadway. While he was still on the ground, he was struck by a 2000 Toyota Corolla that was being driven southbound in the curb lane by **26-year old Adam J. Worthington**. Worthington did not stop after striking the victim, instead fleeing in the vehicle westbound from the incident location.

Through witness statements, evidence at the scene, and leads developed by the Traffic Investigations Unit, detectives located Worthington and the vehicle at his residence a few hours after the collision. Upon concluding their initial investigation at the scene, detectives are still working to determine if Worthington was at fault for the actual collision. The possibility that drugs or alcohol were a factor are still under investigation.

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Worthington was arrested and booked into the Pima County Adult Detention Center for **one count of Leaving the Scene of a Fatal Collision - Not at Fault**, a felony. His booking photo will be available through the Pima County Sheriff's Department.

Fatalities year to date:

For 2010 – 38 Total

11 Pedestrian

3 Bicycle

7 Motorcycle

For 2011 – 41 Total

14 Pedestrian

2 Bicycle

11 Motorcycle

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