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# Media Release



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## FATAL COLLISION EAST GOLF LINKS AND SOUTH WILMOT

### \*\*\*CORRECTION\*\*\*

The deceased victim's name reference this incident is **Anthony C. Andrighetto**. There are no additional updates at this time.

Sergeant Maria Hawke – October 19, 2011

At 5:10 PM on October 19, 2011, the Tucson Police Department received numerous 911 calls reference a motor vehicle collision that occurred at the intersection of East Golf Links Road and South Wilmot Road. Officers from Operations Division East as well as personnel from the Tucson Fire Department responded and were at the scene within two minutes of being dispatched to the intersection. Initial information indicated that a vehicle had overturned during the course of the collision and a traffic light pole had been struck, resulting in significant damage to the pole. Additionally, several other vehicles were involved in the collision. A total of 5 individuals, all adults, were transported to local area hospitals. Two of the adults, both males, were transported with life-threatening injuries. One of the adult males deemed to have life-threatening injuries, succumbed to his injuries while at the hospital. He has been identified as **21-year old Anthony Candrighetto**. Next of kin have been notified. The other 4 individuals that were transported to local area hospitals are all expected to survive their injuries at this point.

Detectives with the Traffic Investigations Unit responded to the scene to assist with the investigation. They collected evidence and interviewed numerous witnesses. It appears that a **Green 1998 Jeep Wrangler** was traveling westbound on East Golf Links. There were two male passengers in the Jeep. A **Black 2003 Mazda Protégé** was traveling behind Jeep, as the occupants of both vehicles knew each other and were on their way to the same destination. A **Green 1997 Nissan Quest minivan** had initially been facing east in the left turn bay of East Golf Links Road, preparing to make a left turn to drive north on South Wilmot Road. The minivan entered the intersection and **proceeded to make the left turn, failing to yield way to** For accommodations; materials in accessible formats; foreign language interpreters; and/or materials in a language other than English, please contact the Tucson Police Department Public Information Office at (520) 791-4852 or (520) 791-2639 for TDD at least five (5) business days in advance. Para arreglos; materiales en formatos accesibles; interpretes de idioma extranjero; y/o materiales en otro idioma que no sea inglés, por favor comunicarse al Departamento de la Policía de Tucson a la sección de Información Pública al (520) 791-4852 o (520) 791-2639 para TDD por lo menos con cinco (5) días hábiles de anticipación.

**the Jeep.** There was a green traffic light signal for east and westbound traffic on East Golf Links at that time. The Jeep struck the right side of the van and went airborne before it struck a traffic light pole on the northwestern quadrant of the intersection. It then came to a stop on it's side. The Mazda that had been traveling with the Jeep swerved sharply to the left to avoid the collision between the Jeep and the minivan. The Mazda ended up driving directly towards other vehicles that were also waiting to make a left turn from the east-facing, left hand turn lane of East Golf Links Road. The Mazda struck a vehicle, a **White 2007 Cadillac Escalade**, head on. The Cadillac had been at the front of the left turn line. The impact of that collision caused the Cadillac to collide with the vehicle, a **Black 2007 Mitsubishi Eclipse**, which had been directly behind it. It did not appear that any other vehicles or persons were directly involved in either collision. The passenger of the Jeep was the second adult male transported with life-threatening injuries. However, he was expected to survive his injuries. The drivers of the Mazda, Nissan minivan, and Cadillac were all transported to area hospitals with minor injuries. There were no other reported injuries.

The investigation continues, and at this time, no citations have been issued and no arrests have been made. Also, it does not appear that speed was a factor in the collisions. Information regarding possible drug or alcohol impairment is pending.

Fatalities Year to Date:

For 2010 – 35 Total  
10 Pedestrian  
3 Bicycle  
6 Motorcycle

For 2011 – 35 Total  
13 Pedestrian  
1 Bicycle  
9 Motorcycle

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