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FATAL COLLISION WEST VALENCIA ROAD AND INTERSTATE 19

At approximately 5:26 a.m. on May 13, 2012, the Tucson Police Department was advised of a serious motor vehicle collision involving three vehicles that occurred on West Valencia Road at Interstate 19. Officers from Operations Division South responded to the area, arriving within 4 minutes of their original dispatch. Emergency medical personnel from the Tucson Fire Department also responded to the scene of the collision. Five different individuals with varying degrees of injury had been involved in the collision. The drivers of two of the vehicles had minor injuries, while two passengers (each from a different vehicle) had more serious injuries and were transported to a local hospital for additional medical evaluation and treatment. The driver of the third vehicle succumbed to significant injuries incurred during the collision and was pronounced deceased at the scene. The deceased driver has been identified as **Gail Andrew Miller, 57-year old Caucasian male**. Next of kin have been notified.

Detectives from the Traffic Investigations Unit responded to further the investigation. They examined and collected evidence at the scene as well as interviewed various witnesses. The detectives learned that a male driving a **Red 1997 Ford F250 Truck** was traveling westbound on West Valencia Road. The driver failed to stop for a red signal light that was illuminated for east and westbound traffic on West Valencia Road at the intersection with Interstate 19. A **Blue 2000 Chevrolet Blazer** was turning left from the southbound Interstate 19 off-ramp to go eastbound on West Valencia Road at the same time that the red truck was passing through the intersection. As a result, the red truck struck the blue Blazer on the driver's side. Another vehicle, a **White 1991 Toyota Tacoma Truck**, was traveling behind the blue Blazer, also exiting the off-ramp. The red truck struck the white truck after it collided with blue Blazer and rotated in the intersection. The passenger of the red truck and the blue Blazer each had serious injuries. The driver of the red truck and white truck each had minor injuries. **Mr. Miller had been the driver of the blue Blazer.**

The investigation revealed that the driver of the red truck was under the influence of alcohol while driving. He has been identified as **Alfredo Gomez Munoz, 38-years old**. Mr. Gomez Munoz was charged with **1 count of Second Degree Murder, 2 counts of Aggravated Assault, 1 count of Endangerment, and 1 count of Criminal Damage, all felony offenses**. A booking photograph is included below.

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Alfredo Gomez Munoz

Fatalities year to date:

For 2011 - 16

5 Pedestrian
0 Bicycle
6 Motorcycle

For 2012 – 15

2 Pedestrian
0 Bicycle
4 Motorcycle

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