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FATAL PEDESTRIAN COLLISION 4000 BLOCK NORTH FIRST AVENUE

At approximately 10:32 p.m. on August 13, 2012 the Tucson Police Department was notified of a motor vehicle collision involving a pedestrian that occurred in the 4000 Block of North First Avenue. Officers from Operations Division West responded to the area. Upon arrival, they discovered an adult male lying in the roadway. The male had severe injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene. The male was identified as **Patrick Carl Whaley (53-years old)**. Next of kin have been notified. The officers determined that a vehicle in the roadway had struck Mr. Whaley. The vehicle and driver remained at the scene and cooperated with the investigation.

Traffic Detectives responded to the scene to further the investigation. They examined and collected roadway evidence as well as conducted interviews with the driver of the vehicle and a witness to the incident. The detectives determined that Mr. Whaley was crossing North First Avenue from east to west just north of the intersection of North First Avenue and East Roger Road. He was not in a crosswalk. A red 2009 Chevrolet Aveo was traveling northbound on North First Avenue in the curb lane. The vehicle struck Mr. Whaley while he was crossing the street. There was no indication that excessive speed was a factor in the collision. Additionally, the driver was not under the influence of drugs or alcohol. The driver was not cited for any violations as a result of the collision.

Fatalities year to date:

For 2011 - 23

8 Pedestrian
0 Bicycle
8 Motorcycle

For 2012 - 22

4 Pedestrian
1 Bicycle
4 Motorcycle

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