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DELAYED FATAL MOTORCYCLE COLLISION NORTH FAIRVIEW AVENUE AND WEST WETMORE ROAD

On June 26, 2022, just after 7:30 p.m., officers from Operations Division West were dispatched to the intersection of N. Fairview Ave. and W. Wetmore Rd. for the reports of a collision involving a single motorcycle. Tucson Fire personnel responded and transported the rider of the motorcycle to Banner University Medical Center with life-threatening injuries.

Traffic Unit Detectives were contacted and responded to the scene to continue the investigation. Detectives determined that the rider was traveling westbound on Wetmore Rd. on a black 2014 Harley-Davidson FLHXS motorcycle. The rider failed to negotiate a slight shift in the roadway at the intersection of N. Fairview Ave. and W. Wetmore Rd. and drove onto and over the raised traffic island, striking a traffic signal pole.

On June 28, 2022, the Tucson Police Department was notified that the motorcycle rider had passed away due to his injuries sustained during the collision. He has been identified as 50-year-old **James H. Sturgill**. Next of kin has been notified of his passing.

Failing to reduce/control speed to avoid a collision and probable impairment are the major contributing factors in the collision.

This is an ongoing investigation. However, there will be no charges or citations issued.

Traffic Fatalities Year to Date:

For 2021 – 43	For 2022 – 47
Pedestrian – 12	Pedestrian – 22
Bicycle – 03	Bicycle – 02
Motorcycle – 07	Motorcycle – 12
Vehicle - 21	Vehicle – 11

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