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### FATAL MOTORCYCLE COLLISION EAST PIMA STREET AND NORTH CLOVERLAND AVENUE

On July 28, 2020, at approximately 3:57 p.m., officers from Operations Division Midtown were dispatched to the intersection of East Pima Street and North Cloverland Avenue for the report of a serious-injury collision involving a passenger car and a motorcycle.

The Tucson Fire Department responded and rendered aid to the motorcyclist, and immediately transported the patient to Banner University Medical Center. Banner staff notified the Traffic Investigations Unit that the motorcyclist had passed away from his injuries. The motorcyclist was identified as **45-year-old Demeako Duane Palmer**. Mr. Palmer's next of kin was notified.

Traffic Detectives responded to the scene to continue the investigation. According to interviews conducted by officers and detectives, Mr. Palmer was westbound on Pima Street in the median lane when a 2019 Kia Rio attempted to make a left-turn from southbound Cloverland Avenue onto eastbound Pima Street from a stop sign. Mr. Palmer struck the driver's side of the Kia.

The driver of the Kia stopped immediately, remained at the scene and cooperated with the investigation. A DUI officer responded and determined that the driver was not impaired by drugs or alcohol at the time of this collision.

Roadway evidence determined the driver of the Kia failing to yield from a stop sign was the major factor in this collision. Mr. Palmer was wearing a helmet, but did not have a motorcycle endorsement associated with his driver's license. The investigation is on-going and there have been no charges or citations issued at this time.

#### Traffic Fatalities Year to Date:

For 2019 – 30	For 2020 – 52
Pedestrian – 18	Pedestrian – 15
Bicycle – 1	Bicycle – 1
Motorcycle – 5	Motorcycle – 18
Vehicle - 6	Vehicle – 18

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