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### FATAL MOTORCYCLE COLLISION NORTH 1<sup>ST</sup> AVENUE AND EAST LIMBERLOST DRIVE

On April 30, 2022, at approximately 5:10 p.m., officers from Operations Division West were dispatched to the intersection of N. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. and E. Limberlost Dr. for a serious-injury collision involving a red 2009 Chevrolet Cobalt and blue 2019 Yamaha YZFR3 motorcycle. Tucson Fire personnel responded and began treating those involved, ultimately transporting the motorcycle rider to Banner University Medical Center with life-threatening injuries. Prior to arriving at the hospital, the rider was pronounced deceased. He has been identified as 53-year-old **Blaine Martineau**. Next of kin was notified of his passing.

Traffic Detectives were contacted and responded to continue the investigation. Interviews conducted by detectives and officers determined that the Cobalt attempted to make a left turn from a private business located on the northeast corner of the intersection. At this time, the Yamaha was traveling northbound 1<sup>st</sup> Ave and collided with the Cobalt that was attempting to make the left hand turn onto southbound 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. The driver of the Cobalt immediately stopped after the collision and cooperated with the investigation. An officer with the DUI Unit responded to the scene and determined that the driver of the Cobalt was not impaired at the time of the collision.

This is an ongoing investigation, and no charges or citations have been issued. Failure to yield making a left-turn by the Cobalt is the major contributing factor in the collision.

#### Traffic Fatalities Year to Date:

<b>For 2020 – 25</b>	<b>For 2021 – 36</b>
Pedestrian – 10	Pedestrian – 18
Bicycle – 02	Bicycle – 01
Motorcycle – 04	Motorcycle – 07
Vehicle - 09	Vehicle – 10

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