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FATAL MOTORCYCLE COLLISION WEST GRANT ROAD AND NORTH STONE AVENUE

On June 6, 2022, just before 5:30 p.m., officers from Operations Division West and Tucson Fire Department Medics responded to a report of a collision involving a motorcyclist at W. Grant Rd. and N. Stone Ave. Upon arrival, TFD transported the motorcyclist to Banner University Medical Center (BUMC) with life-threatening injuries. The drivers of two other vehicles reported minor injuries and were treated at the scene.

Traffic Unit Detectives were contacted and responded to continue the investigation. Interviews conducted by officers and detectives determined that the motorcyclist was riding a blue 1992 Yamaha FJ1200 motorcycle eastbound on Grant Rd. As the motorcyclist approached the intersection at N. Stone Ave., the traffic signal was red for east and west traffic. Witnesses indicated that the motorcycle was traveling well above the posted speed limit and applied hard braking. The motorcyclist traveled into the intersection against the red traffic signal where he was struck by a northbound Mercedes Benz coupe. The motorcyclist struck a second northbound vehicle – identified as a GMC station wagon. The drivers of the GMC and Mercedes immediately stopped and cooperated with the investigation.

An officer from the DUI Unit responded to the scene and determined that neither driver were impaired at the time of the collision. The motorcyclist was not wearing a helmet and did not have a valid motorcycle endorsement associated with his driver’s license. Interviews in conjunction with roadway evidence determined that failure to stop for a red light by the motorcyclist is the major contributing factor. The motorcyclist remained in the hospital receiving treatment. On June 8, 2022, the Tucson Police Department was notified that the motorcyclist had passed away from his injuries. The motorcyclist has been identified as 22-year-old **Alexandre Anakin Thomas**. Next of kin was notified. The investigation is on-going; however, no charges or citations are expected at this time.

Fatalities Year to Date:

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| For 2021 - 37 | For 2022 - 42 |
| Pedestrian - 11 | Pedestrian- 20 |
| Bicycle - 2 | Bicycle - 2 |
| Motorcycle - 6 | Motorcycle - 10 |
| Vehicle - 18 | Vehicle - 10 |

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