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FATAL PEDESTRIAN COLLISION 300 BLOCK OF WEST VALENCIA ROAD

On the night of July 31, 2021, just after 8:30 p.m., officers from Operations Division South were dispatched to the report of a collision involving an adult female pedestrian and a brown 1998 Dodge Ram Wagon. Tucson Fire responded and began life saving efforts. Despite those efforts the female was pronounced deceased at the scene. The victims identify is being withheld at this time pending next of kin notification.

Traffic Unit Detectives were contacted and responded to continue the investigation. According to interviews conducted by officers and detectives, the Dodge was traveling westbound on W. Valencia Rd. in the curb lane. At this time the pedestrian entered the lane of travel of the Dodge. The Dodge was unable to avoid the pedestrian. Detectives noted that the street lights along the roadway were operational at the time.

An officer from the DUI Unit responded to evaluate the driver of the Dodge. The officer determined that the driver was impaired at the time of the collision. Midblock crossing by the pedestrian and impaired driving by the driver of the Dodge are the contributing factor in this collision.

This is an ongoing investigation and no citation or charges have been issued at this point.

Traffic Fatalities Year to Date:

For 2020 – 52	For 2021 –50
Pedestrian – 15	Pedestrian – 14
Bicycle – 1	Bicycle – 5
Motorcycle – 18	Motorcycle – 8
Vehicle - 18	Vehicle – 23

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