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### FATAL PEDESTRIAN COLLISION 6001 SOUTH CAMPBELL AVENUE

On the morning of September 7, 2021, just after 4:30 a.m., officers from Operations Division were dispatched to 6001 S. Campbell Ave. for a report of a vehicle collision involving a pedestrian. Upon arrival, officers located an adult female pedestrian in the roadway. Tucson Fire Department personnel arrived on scene and transported the pedestrian to Banner University Medical Center with life-threatening injuries. Traffic Unit Detectives were contacted and responded to continue the investigation.

Interviews conducted by officers and detectives determined that the pedestrian had been walking northbound in the traffic lanes of Campbell Ave. As she was walking, a 2019 Mercedes Benz sedan was traveling northbound and struck her. The driver of the sedan immediately stopped and cooperated with the investigation. A DUI Officer responded to the scene and determined that the driver of the sedan was not impaired at the time of the collision.

While detectives were completing their investigation at the scene, they were notified that the pedestrian had succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced deceased at the hospital. Detectives identified the pedestrian as 35-year-old **Maria Alejandra Varela**. Next of kin was notified. The investigation is ongoing and no charges or citations have been issued.

#### Traffic Fatalities Year to Date:

<b>For 2020 – 63</b>	<b>For 2021 – 58</b>
Pedestrian – 19	Pedestrian – 19
Bicycle – 2	Bicycle – 5
Motorcycle – 19	Motorcycle – 9
Vehicle - 23	Vehicle – 25

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