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FATAL PEDESTRIAN COLLISION 6300 BLOCK OF EAST BROADWAY BOULEVARD

On July 30, 2021, just after 9:00 p.m., officers from Operations Division East were dispatched to the 6300 block of E. Broadway Blvd. for a report of a collision involving a pedestrian. Medics with the Tucson Fire Department also responded to scene, ultimately transporting the pedestrian, an adult male, to St. Joseph’s Hospital with life-threatening injuries. Shortly after arriving to the hospital, the male was pronounced deceased. He has been identified as 32-year-old **Nicholas James Hernandez**. Next of kin has been notified.

Detectives from the Traffic Investigations Unit were notified and responded to continue the investigation. Through interviews conducted by officers and detectives, it was discovered that prior to the collision, Mr. Hernandez had allegedly shoplifted from a business on the northeast corner of E. Broadway Blvd. and N. Wilmot Rd. Mr. Hernandez was seen running from that business, southbound into the roadway when he was struck by a silver 2003 Nissan Sentra that was traveling westbound on Broadway Blvd. The driver of the Nissan immediately stopped after the collision and cooperated with the investigation. A DUI Officer responded to the scene and determined that the driver of the Nissan was not impaired at the time of the collision. Detectives noted that Mr. Hernandez ran into the roadway approximately 75 feet east of a marked crosswalk.

The investigation remains ongoing, and no citations or charges have been issued at this time. Detectives believe that mid-block crossing by Mr. Hernandez appears to be the major contributing factor of the collision.

Traffic Fatalities Year to Date:

For 2020 – 52	For 2021 – 49
Pedestrian – 15	Pedestrian – 13
Bicycle – 1	Bicycle – 5
Motorcycle – 18	Motorcycle – 8
Vehicle - 18	Vehicle – 23

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