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FATAL PEDESTRIAN COLLISION NORTH STONE AVENUE AND EAST GLENN STREET

*****UPDATE – June 15, 2021*****

In continuation of the investigation regarding the fatal hit-and-run collision, Tucson Police Traffic Unit Detectives obtained additional information and were able to further examine forensic evidence. Also, upon obtaining additional DNA evidence, detectives have now identified the driver that struck Mr. Tolleson as 20-year-old **Damorell Jantel Calhoun**.

Upon establishing probable cause for Mr. Calhoun, detectives contacted the Pima County Attorney's Office and dismissed charges against Joseph Howard Jackson, who was originally arrested the night of the incident. Joseph Jackson was in the vehicle at the time of the collision; however, he was not the driver. Forensic and DNA evidence in conjunction with interviews indicate that Calhoun was driving the vehicle. After the collision, both males ran from the scene, and officers ultimately located Jackson after a brief area search. On June 10, 2021, officers from Operations Division East/Community Response Team located Damorell Calhoun and took him into custody without incident. Calhoun has been charged with Manslaughter, Leaving the Scene of a Collision/Fatal, and Prohibited Possessor.



Damorell Jantel Calhoun

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On March 14, 2021, at approximately 10:30 p.m., officers from Operations Division West were dispatched to the intersection of N. Stone Ave. and E. Glenn St. for the report of a vehicle collision involving a pedestrian. Upon arrival, officers located a male pedestrian in the roadway. He was declared deceased on scene and identified as 31-year-old **Tyler Lindsey Tolleson**. Next of kin has been notified.

Prior to police arrival, the driver of the vehicle that struck Mr. Tolleson, fled the scene on foot. A TPD Air Unit and K9 Unit responded to assist. After a brief search, the driver was located nearby and detained by officers. Traffic Detectives were contacted and responded to continue the investigation.

According to interviews conducted by officers and detectives, Mr. Tolleson was attempting to cross Stone Ave. from west to east. While crossing, Mr. Tolleson was struck by a blue 2020 Nissan Altima that was traveling northbound in the curb lane. Detectives noted that Mr. Tolleson was not in a crosswalk and all street lights were functioning properly. A DUI Officer responded to the scene and determined that the driver of the Nissan was impaired at the time of the collision. Interviews in conjunction with roadway evidence have determined that midblock crossing, excessive speed and impairment are contributing factors in the collision.

The driver of the Nissan has been identified as 25-year-old **Joseph Howard Jackson**. He was booked into Pima County Jail and is charged with 2nd Degree Murder and Failure To Stop/Fatal Collision. The investigation is ongoing and additional charges are pending.

Traffic Fatalities Year to Date:

For 2020 – 14	For 2021 – 12
Pedestrian – 6	Pedestrian – 7
Bicycle – 0	Bicycle – 0
Motorcycle – 3	Motorcycle – 2
Vehicle - 5	Vehicle – 3

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