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## NEWS RELEASE

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### FATAL PEDESTRIAN COLLISION (DELAYED) 100 BLOCK OF WEST CONGRESS STREET

On August 15, 2021, at approximately 2:39 a.m., officers from Operations Division West/Downtown District were dispatched to the 100 block of W. Congress Street for the report of a serious-injury collision involving an adult male pedestrian. Tucson Fire Department personnel responded and transported the pedestrian to Banner University Medical Center with life-threatening injuries.

Traffic Unit Detectives were contacted and responded to continue the investigation. According to interviews conducted by officers and detectives, the pedestrian was walking westbound on Congress St. in the median lane. At this time a white 2002 Nissan Maxima was traveling westbound on Congress St. and struck pedestrian. The driver of the Nissan immediately stopped after the collision and fully 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 the pedestrian was not in a crosswalk at the time of the collision.

Detectives believe walking in the roadway where sidewalks are provided by the pedestrian is the major contributing factor of the collision. The investigation is ongoing and no citations have been issued at this time.

On September 3, 2021, detectives were notified by the Office of the Medical Examiner that the pedestrian had passed away as a result of the injuries he sustained from the collision. The victim has been identified as 67-year-old **Donald William Taulbee**.

#### Traffic Fatalities Year to Date:

<b>For 2020 – 61</b>	<b>For 2021 – 57</b>
Pedestrian – 17	Pedestrian – 18
Bicycle – 2	Bicycle – 5
Motorcycle – 19	Motorcycle – 09
Vehicle - 23	Vehicle – 25

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