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FATAL VEHICLE COLLISION 3400 BLOCK OF NORTH FLOWING WELLS ROAD

On August 22, 2021, just before 6:30 a.m., officers from Operations Division West were dispatched to the 3400 block of N. Flowing Wells Rd. for a single vehicle collision involving a grey 2002 Chevrolet Suburban. Upon arrival, officers located the adult male driver who had been ejected from the vehicle along with a female passenger. Tucson Fire personnel responded and began rendering aid the occupants of the vehicle. The driver was pronounced deceased at the scene. He has been identified as 21-year-old **Mario Alberto Quintero**. Next of kin has been notified of his passing. The female passenger was transported to Banner University Medical Center with serious injuries.

Traffic Unit Detectives were contacted and responded to the scene to continue the investigation. Interviews conducted by officers and detectives determined that Quintero was traveling southbound on Flowing Wells Rd. at a high rate of speed. For reasons still under investigation, Quintero lost control of the vehicle and began striking several objects on the west side of Flowing Wells Rd. ultimately colliding with a wooden power pole.

This is an ongoing investigation and it is unlikely there will be any charges or citations issued.

Traffic Fatalities Year to Date:

For 2020 – 58	For 2021 – 56
Pedestrian – 16	Pedestrian – 17
Bicycle – 2	Bicycle – 5
Motorcycle – 19	Motorcycle – 9
Vehicle - 21	Vehicle – 25

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