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### FATAL VEHICLE COLLISION 900 BLOCK OF EAST VALENICA ROAD

On June 26, 2021, at approximately 8:20 p.m., officers from Operations Division South were dispatched to the 900 block of E. Valencia Rd. for a serious-injury collision involving two vehicles. Tucson Fire personnel responded and began rendering aid to all occupants. The passenger of a gold 2006 Chevrolet Malibu was pronounced deceased at the scene and has been identified as 20-year-old **Mary-Isabelle Raquel Rivas**. Next of kin has been notified. Both drivers of the vehicles involved were transported to Banner University Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries while an additional passenger was treated at the scene with minor injuries.

Traffic Unit Detectives were contacted and responded to the scene to continue the investigation. Interviews conducted by officers and detectives determined that the Malibu was traveling westbound on E. Valencia Rd. when for reasons unknown lost control causing the vehicle to spin, cross over a raised median, and into oncoming traffic. During this time a black 2006 Ford F-150 was traveling eastbound on Valencia Rd. and struck the Malibu.

This is an ongoing investigation and no charges or citations have been issued at this time.

#### Traffic Fatalities Year to Date:

<b>For 2020 – 43</b>	<b>For 2021 – 41</b>
Pedestrian – 13	Pedestrian – 12
Bicycle – 1	Bicycle – 2
Motorcycle – 15	Motorcycle – 6
Vehicle - 14	Vehicle – 21

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