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FATAL VEHICLE COLLISION SOUTH 12TH AVENUE AND WEST 44TH STREET

On June 2, 2021, at 3:21 p.m., officers from Operations Division South were dispatched to the intersection of S. 12th Ave. and W. 44th St. for the report of a serious-injury single vehicle collision. Upon arrival, Tucson Fire personnel were on scene and rendering aid to the driver of a red 2015 Nissan Pathfinder. The driver was subsequently transported to Banner University Medical Center; however, he was pronounced deceased shortly after arrival. Officers identified the driver as 47-year-old **Ramiro Reyes Loza**. Next of kin has been notified.

Traffic Unit Detectives were briefed on the collision and responded to continue the investigation. Interviews conducted by officers and detectives determined that Mr. Loza was traveling northbound on 12th Ave. approaching W. 44th Street. As Mr. Loza approached the intersection in the right-turn only lane, he failed to negotiate the curve onto eastbound 44th Street and struck a traffic signal pole. Roadway evidence in conjunction with witness statements indicate that Mr. Loza did not appear to be traveling at excessive speeds. Mr. Loza was not wearing his seatbelt at the time of the collision.

Detectives are continuing the investigation and are looking to establish what caused Mr. Loza's failure to negotiate the curve.

Fatalities Year-To-Date:

For 2020 - 35

Pedestrian – 12

Bicycle - 1

Motorcycle - 12

Vehicle – 10

For 2021 - 32

Pedestrian - 11

Bicycle - 2

Motorcycle – 6

Vehicle - 13

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