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DELAYED FATAL VEHICLE COLLISION SOUTH NOGALES HIGHWAY AND WEST IRVINGTON ROAD

On March 1, 2022, at approximately 10:50 a.m., officers from Operations Division South responded to the intersection of S. Nogales Hwy. and W. Irvington Rd. for a report of a serious injury collision involving a red 2004 Pontiac Grand Prix and a yellow 2017 Hyundai Veloster. Tucson Fire personnel arrived and evaluated all those involved, ultimately transporting the driver of Pontiac to Banner University Medical Center. The driver of the Hyundai was evaluated at the scene for minor injuries.

Interviews conducted by officers determined that the driver of the Pontiac was traveling northbound on Nogales Hwy approaching W. Irvington Rd. when the Pontiac drove left of center lane and into southbound lanes of travel. At that time, the Hyundai was traveling southbound on Nogales Hwy and was struck head-on by the Pontiac. An officer from the DUI Unit responded and evaluated the driver of the Hyundai for impairment and it was determined that the driver was not impaired at the time of the collision. Due to evidence collected at the scene, officers believe that the driver of the Pontiac may have been impaired at the time of the collision.

On March 22, 2022, the Tucson Police Department was notified by the Office of the Medical Examiner (OME) that the driver of the Pontiac had passed away as a result of the injuries sustained during the collision. He has been identified as 28-year-old **Daniel Flores**. Next of kin has been notified of his passing.

This is an ongoing investigation. Mr. Flores driving left of center and probable impairment are major contributing factors in the collision.

Traffic Fatalities Year to Date:

For 2021 – 15	For 2022 – 26
Pedestrian – 8	Pedestrian – 12
Bicycle – 1	Bicycle – 1
Motorcycle – 3	Motorcycle – 5
Vehicle - 3	Vehicle – 8