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FATAL MOTORCYCLE COLLISION EAST PIMA STREET AND NORTH SWAN ROAD

On April 24, 2022, at approximately 12:35 p.m., officers from Operations Division Midtown were dispatched to the intersection of E. Pima St. and N. Swan Rd. for a serious injury collision involving a blue 2010 Ford Flex and a red/black 2009 Yamaha YZFRL motorcycle. Tucson Fire personnel responded and began treating those involved, ultimately transporting one of the occupants of the Ford Flex to Banner University Medical Center with serious-injuries. The motorcycle rider was pronounced deceased at the scene and has been identified as 30-year-old **Daniel Damato**. Next of kin has been notified of his passing.

Traffic Detectives were contacted and responded to continue the investigation. Interviews conducted by detectives and officers determined that the Ford Flex was attempting to make a left turn from southbound Swan Rd. onto eastbound Pima St. During this time, Mr. Damato was riding his motorcycle northbound on Swan Rd. on a green light when the Ford Flex struck him.

A DUI Officer responded to the scene and determined that the driver of the Ford Flex was not impaired at the time of the collision. Witness statements indicated that Mr. Damato was weaving in and out of traffic and may have been traveling at excessive speeds at the time of the collision.

This is an ongoing investigation, and no charges or citations have been issued. Failure to yield making a left-turn by the Ford Flex and potential excessive speed by Mr. Damato are the major contributing factors in the collision.

Traffic Fatalities Year to Date:

For 2020 – 25	For 2021 –34
Pedestrian – 10	Pedestrian – 17
Bicycle – 02	Bicycle – 01
Motorcycle – 04	Motorcycle – 06
Vehicle - 09	Vehicle – 10

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