



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## FATAL PEDESTRIAN COLLISION 1100 BLOCK OF NORTH FINANCE CENTER DRIVE

On March 30, 2022 at approximately 4:38 p.m., patrol officers from the East Division were dispatched to a collision involving an adult male pedestrian in the 1100 block of N. Finance Center Dr. Tucson Fire Department personnel also responded to the scene to evaluate all those involved. Despite lifesaving efforts, the pedestrian was pronounced deceased at the scene. Officers have identified the pedestrian as 56-year-old **Stephan B. Izen**. Next of kin has been notified of his passing.

Traffic Unit Detectives were contacted and responded to continue the investigation. Interviews conducted by officers and detectives determined that Mr. Izen was attempting to cross Speedway Blvd. from south to north. At this time a silver 2019 Honda Pilot, which was traveling eastbound on Speedway Blvd. in the middle lane, struck him. The driver of the Honda immediately stopped after the collision and cooperated with the investigation. An officer from the Impaired Driving Enforcement Unit arrived and determined that the driver was <u>not</u> impaired at the time of the collision.

Interviews in conjunction with roadway evidence determined that Mr. Izen was not in a crosswalk and that midblock crossing is a major contributing factor in the collision. The investigation is ongoing, any charges or citations are unlikely at this time.

**Fatalities Year to Date:** 

For 2021 - 18	For 2022 - 30
Pedestrian - 9	Pedestrian - 14
Bicycle - 2	Bicycle - 1
Motorcycle - 4	Motorcycle - 5
Vehicle – 3	Vehicle - 10

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