



NEWS RELEASE

Chad Kasmar
Chief of Police

Contact: Richard Gradillas
Sergeant / Public Information Office
520-791-4852
On-call PIO: tpdpio@tucsonaz.gov

Date: 3/6/2022
TDD: 791-2639

FATAL PEDESTRIAN COLLISION 1100 BLOCK OF WEST PRINCE ROAD

*****UPDATE – MARCH 17, 2022*****

In the days following the fatal collision, Traffic Detectives identified the involved vehicle as a white 2012 Chevrolet Malibu. Detectives were able to locate the vehicle and recover evidence which led them to identify the driver. The suspect was identified as 40-year-old **Lester David Flores**. On the morning of March 17, 2022, patrol officers from Operations Division West located Mr. Flores at a motel on W. Miracle Mile. He was detained without incident and contacted by detectives. He was ultimately charged with Hit & Run Involving a Fatality and subsequently booked into the Pima County Jail.

Officer Francisco Magos – March 17, 2022

On March 5, 2022, just after 9:30 p.m., officers from Operations Division West and Tucson Fire personnel were dispatched to the 1100 block of W. Prince Rd. for a report of a collision involving an adult male pedestrian. Tucson Fire attempted life-saving measures. Despite these efforts, the pedestrian passed away at the scene. Officers identified the pedestrian as 54-year-old **Thomas Joseph Lemburg**. Next of kin has been notified of his passing.

Traffic Unit Detectives were notified and responded to continue the investigation. Interviews conducted by officers and detectives determined that Mr. Lemburg was running from north to south across the lanes of Prince Rd. when he was struck by an unknown vehicle in the curb lane. The vehicle fled the area prior to police arrival.

Midblock crossing by Mr. Lemburg is a major contributing factor in the collision. However, leaving the scene of a fatal accident is the focus of the investigation. The vehicle involved is still outstanding, and detectives are asking anyone with any information to call 911 or 88-Crime. You can remain anonymous. Additional details will be provided when they become available.



CITY OF TUCSON



Ready to Protect,
Proud to Serve

NEWS RELEASE

Chad Kasmar
Chief of Police

Traffic Fatalities Year to Date:

For 2021 – 11	For 2022 – 23
Pedestrian – 6	Pedestrian – 10
Bicycle – 0	Bicycle – 1
Motorcycle – 2	Motorcycle – 5
Vehicle - 3	Vehicle – 7

####

Page 2 of 2

For accommodations; materials in accessible formats; foreign language interpreters; and/or materials in a language other than English, please contact the Tucson Police Department Public Information Office at (520) 791-4852 or (520) 791-2639 for TDD at least five (5) business days in advance. Para arreglos; materiales en formatos accesibles; interpretes de idioma extranjero; y/o materiales en otro idioma que no sea inglés, por favor comunicarse al Departamento de la Policía de Tucson a la sección de Información Pública al (520) 791-4852 o (520) 791-2639 para TDD por lo menos con cinco (5) días hábiles de anticipació.

tucsonaz.gov