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FATAL PEDESTRIAN COLLISION 7100 BLOCK OF EAS TANQUE VERDE ROAD

On April 24, 2022, just after 8:15 p.m., officers from Operations Division East and Tucson Fire personnel were dispatched to the 7100 block of E. Tanque Verde Rd. for a report of a collision involving a pedestrian. TFD transported the pedestrian to St. Joseph’s Hospital with life-threatening injuries.

Traffic Unit Detectives were notified and responded to continue the investigation. Interviews conducted by officers and detectives determined that the pedestrian was attempting to cross Tanque Verde Rd. from south to north when a silver 2002 Toyota Prius struck her. The driver of the Prius immediately stopped and cooperated with the investigation. During the course of the investigation, officers were notified that the pedestrian had passed away from her injuries. Officers identified the pedestrian as 51-year-old **Sierra Deborah Waters**. Next of kin has been notified of her passing.

An officer for the DUI Unit responded to the collision and determined that the driver of the Toyota **was** impaired at the time of the collision. Midblock crossing by Ms. Waters and impaired driving are major contributing factors in the collision. This is an ongoing investigation, and no citations or charges have been issued at this time. The case will be presented to the County Attorney’s Office once complete.

Traffic Fatalities Year to Date:

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| For 2021 – 25 | For 2022 –35 |
| Pedestrian – 10 | Pedestrian – 18 |
| Bicycle – 02 | Bicycle – 01 |
| Motorcycle – 04 | Motorcycle – 06 |
| Vehicle - 09 | Vehicle – 10 |

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