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## FATAL PEDESTRIAN COLLISION (DELAYED) NORTH SWAN ROAD AND EAST BROADWAY BOULEVARD

On May 2, 2022, at 12:12 p.m., officers from Operations Division Midtown were dispatched to the intersection of N. Swan Rd. and E. Broadway Blvd. for a report of a collision involving a pedestrian. Tucson Fire Department personnel also responded to the scene and rendered aid to the pedestrian, an adult female, and ultimately transported her to Banner University Medical Center with life-threatening injuries. Traffic Unit Detectives were called to the scene and continued the investigation.

Interviews conducted by officers and detectives determined that the pedestrian was crossing Swan Road in the marked crosswalk – from west to east – on the north side of the intersection. The pedestrian had crossed the southbound lanes and was attempting to cross the northbound lanes when she was struck by a white 2006 Dodge Dakota pickup truck. At the time, the Dodge Dakota was attempting to turn left from eastbound Broadway Blvd. onto northbound Swan Road. The driver of the Dodge, identified as a male in his 80s, immediately stopped after the collision and cooperated with the investigation. An officer assigned to the Impaired Driver Enforcement Unit responded to the scene and determine that the driver was not impaired. Interviews in conjunction with roadway evidence indicate that the Dodge was turning left on a protected green turn arrow and the pedestrian most likely continued crossing the northbound lanes against the pedestrian signal; however, there is a duty on the driver to exercise due care to avoid pedestrians. The pedestrian remained in the hospital as the investigation continued.

On May 19, 2022, the Tucson Police Department was notified by the Office of the Medical Examiner that the pedestrian had passed away as a result of the injuries she sustained. Investigators identified the pedestrian as 69-year-old **Patricia Marie Del Costello**. Her family was aware of her passing. The investigation is still in progress and potential charges against the driver will be presented to the Tucson City Court Prosecutor’s Office.

### Fatalities Year to Date:

For 2021 - 31	For 2022 - 39
Pedestrian - 11	Pedestrian - 20
Bicycle - 2	Bicycle - 1
Motorcycle - 6	Motorcycle - 8
Vehicle - 12	Vehicle – 10

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