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FATAL VEHICLE COLLISION (DELAYED) 6800 BLOCK OF EAST SPEEDWAY BOULEVARD

On March 9, 2022, at 12:30 p.m., Operations Division East Patrol Officers were dispatched to the 6800 block of E. Speedway Blvd. for a report of a serious-injury collision involving multiple vehicles. Upon arrival, the driver of a blue 1994 Chevrolet Suburban was transported by Tucson Fire Medics to St. Joseph's Hospital. The driver sustained life-threatening injuries. Tucson Fire rendered aid to the occupants of three additional vehicles at the scene.

Interviews conducted by officers determined that the driver of the Suburban was driving westbound on Speedway Blvd. through the intersection at N. Kolb Rd. Witness statements indicate that the Suburban was traveling well above the posted speed limit when it collided into the back of a blue Scion TC. The Suburban continued driving westbound at a high speed – striking a Dodge Durango and Toyota Camry. The Suburban eventually drove off the roadway and struck a large concrete pillar. Officers discovered that the driver of the Suburban was not wearing his seatbelt at the time of the collision and a DUI Officer determined that he was not impaired. The driver of the Suburban remained in the hospital receiving treatment.

On March 28, 2022, the Office of the Medical Examiner contacted the Tucson Police Department and notified detectives that the driver of the Suburban had passed away as a result of his injuries sustained during the collision. Officers had identified the driver as 55-year-old **Paul Jones Williams**. Next of kin has been notified. The Traffic Investigations Unit conducted a further review of reports and witness statements. Additional reports will be reviewed to determine if a potential medical issue – pre-collision – can be attributed to Mr. Williams' driving behavior.

Fatalities Year to Date:

For 2021 - 18	For 2022 - 29
Pedestrian - 9	Pedestrian- 13

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Bicycle - 2	Bicycle - 1
Motorcycle - 4	Motorcycle - 5
Vehicle - 3	Vehicle - 10

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