



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief of Police John D. Noland



Media Release

May 13, 2023

To: Media and Public
From: Sahuarita Police Department
Subject: Fatal Traffic Collision and DUI Arrest

The Sahuarita Police Department is actively investigating a fatal vehicle collision that occurred just past midnight on S. Old Nogales Highway.

On May 13, 2023, around 12:07 a.m., officers from the Sahuarita Police Department and Green Valley Fire Department members responded to a two-vehicle collision approximately one-half mile north of E. Quail Crossing Blvd. and on S. Old Nogales Highway. Upon arrival, they located the two involved vehicles, a red Ford F150 pickup, and a white Cadillac sedan. The sedan was fully engulfed in flames, and the pickup was unoccupied. Green Valley FD extinguished the fire. Sadly, the occupant of the sedan died at the scene. The victim, in this case, is a 20-year-old Sahuarita resident. The victim's identity will be released later.

A witness, who came upon the crash prior to police and fire personnel, informed arriving officers that a male who had been directly next to the pickup had left the area northbound on foot. Officers searched the area and located the male who was transported to an area hospital for medical examination.

Detectives and Traffic Investigators with the Sahuarita Police Department responded to investigate the incident. The driver of the Ford F-150 pickup, who was later identified as 24-year-old Tucson resident Camron Ortega, showed signs and symptoms of impairment and was subsequently arrested for second-degree murder, a class one felony, driving under the influence, a class one misdemeanor, and leaving the scene of an accident resulting in death, a class two felony. Mr. Ortega was booked at the Pima County Jail.

The investigation is ongoing, and the Sahuarita Police Department requests your assistance if you have any information related to this incident. Please call the SPD TIP Line at (520) 445-7847 at any time. A person leaving a tip on the TIP Line may remain

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anonymous. Those with information may also call 911 or (520) 344-7000 during business hours to speak with an officer.

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