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# Motorist survives striking median at 96 mph only to be hit by 2 trucks as he crosses I-10

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A motorist clocked by a state Department of Public Safety officer at 96 miles per hour on Interstate 10 crashed into a lane divider near the West Orange Grove Road interchange before dawn today, walked from his car to the eastbound lanes, where he was fatally struck by two tractor trailer trucks, a a DPS spokesman said.

Christopher W. Pullen, 22, of West Rae Circle on Tucson's Northwest Side was found dead about 1 a.m., Officer James Oien said.

The officer parked roadside who clocked Pullen's speed with a radar gun near West Ruthrauff Road, pulled out and tried to catch up with Pullen, who was driving a 1984 Pontiac Trans Am, he said.

Three miles later, the officer spotted the Trans Am in the median strip where it had crashed into a cable barrier, Oien said. While investigating the wreckage, the officer heard a loud noise from the eastbound lanes and found Pullen's body.

Investigators believe Pullen, the car's sole occupant, had gotten out of the car after the crash and walked into the eastbound lanes where he was hit by a truck driven by Brian A. Key of Carrollton, Texas, and then by another driven by Lizabeth D. Rowley of Snowflake.

Neither driver nor their passengers was hurt, Oien said.

No citations were issued and tests will be done during an autopsy to determine if alcohol or drugs were involved in Pullen's death, Oien said.

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