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DOUBLE HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION 7400 BLOCK OF EAST 22ND STREET

On July 24th, at approximately 11:52 p.m., the Public Safety Communications Department received several 9-1-1 calls reporting a shooting. Patrol officers from Operations Division East were dispatched to an apartment complex in the 7400 block of E. 22nd St., where they located two adult male victims with obvious signs of gunshot trauma. One male was declared deceased at the scene and has been identified as 34-year-old **Michael Espinoza**. Officers began rendering aid to the second victim, who was ultimately transported to St. Joseph's Hospital with life-threatening injuries. Shortly after arriving at the hospital, he was pronounced deceased. He has been identified as 30-year-old **Mark Espinoza**, brother of Michael Espinoza. Next of kin has been notified of their passing. While on the scene, an adult male contacted officers and told officers he was involved.

Detectives from the Homicide Unit were contacted and responded to continue the investigation. Investigators conducted several interviews and processed the area for evidence. Initial information from interviews indicates that Michael and Mark were part of a group involved in a verbal confrontation with the adult male. That confrontation soon turned physical. During the physical altercation, shots were fired, and Michael and Mark were struck.

Currently, there are no outstanding suspects. Detectives are asking anyone who may have witnessed the shooting to call 9-1-1 or 88-CRIME. You can remain anonymous. Additional updates will be provided as they become available.

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