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FATAL EXPLOSION INVESTIGATION 690 EAST 36TH STREET

*****UPDATE – SEPTEMBER 24, 2015*****

The victim in this incident has been identified as 46-year-old Daniel Wright. Next of kin has been notified.

The ordnance that partially exploded was an MK-82 General Purpose Bomb. Detectives are continuing their investigation and additional details will be released as they become available.

Sergeant Pete Dugan – September 24, 2015

On September 23, 2015, just before 12:45 p.m., a South Tucson Police officer was flagged down by a citizen about an explosion at 690 E. 36th Street (Tucson Iron and Metal). This location is within the city limits of Tucson. Members from the Tucson Fire Department and officers from the Tucson Police Department responded to the scene. Once on scene, they located an adult male with obvious trauma. The male was pronounced deceased on scene. Officers from the Tucson Police Department Explosives and Hazardous Devices Detail (EHDD) and technicians from the Davis-Monthan Air Force Explosive Ordinance Disposal Unit (EOD) also responded to assist.

The investigation into this incident is in the early stages. Preliminary information reveals that the victim is an employee of the business and works as a cutter. Today, the male cut into a piece of metal which turned out to be a military ordnance, causing the explosion. No one else at the business was injured. It is unknown at this time how the ordnance arrived at the facility.

Tucson Police Department investigators are on scene and will be conducting the investigation surrounding the death of the male. An investigator with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration will be conducting a separate but parallel administrative investigation. The officers from the Tucson Police Department EHDD and technicians from the Davis-Monthan Air Force EOD Unit will be working together regarding the circumstances regarding the explosion.

The identity of the victim is being withheld, pending next of kin notification. This investigation is ongoing and additional information will be released when it becomes available.

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