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HOMICIDE 3121 NORTH CAMPBELL AVENUE

UPDATE – August 3, 2011

Following the homicide on the afternoon of August 1st, detectives worked through much of the night and all day on August 2nd, aggressively pursuing leads to identify a suspect in this case. Information from several sources led to the identification of **24-year old Andres Fernando Buelna** as the suspect. Late in the afternoon of August 2, 2011, approximately 24-hours after the shooting, Homicide Detectives obtained an arrest warrant for Buelna, in connection with the shooting death of Benny Alvarez Casarez Jr. Homicide Detectives turned their efforts to locating and capturing Buelna.

Just before midnight on August 2, 2011, Homicide Detectives arrested Buelna at a motel near East Grant Road and Interstate 10, with the combined assistance of surveillance personnel from the Tucson Police Department's Major Theft Offenders Unit and Special Investigations Division, and from SWAT personnel. Buelna, of Tucson, was booked into the Pima County Jail on **one count of 1st Degree Murder**. A booking photo will be provided as soon as it is available.

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On August 1, 2011 at approximately 4:08 p.m., the Tucson Police Department received a 911 call reporting a shooting incident in the parking lot of the Jack in the Box restaurant at 3121 North Campbell Avenue. Officers from Operations Division West responded to the scene and found an adult male victim suffering from apparent gunshot trauma. The victim was transported to a local trauma center, where he was pronounced deceased a short time later. The victim is identified as **50-year old Benny Alvarez Casarez Jr.**, of Tucson. Next of kin have been notified.

Detectives from the Tucson Police Department's Homicide Unit responded to the scene to continue the investigation. Based on the preliminary stages of the investigation, this incident began as a road rage incident as the vehicles traveled northbound on North Campbell Avenue near East Glenn Street. The victim, driving a late-model **black Ford Mustang**, pulled into the Jack in the Box parking lot. The suspect, in a pickup truck, then followed the victim vehicle into the Jack in the Box parking lot just south of East Fort Lowell Road. The suspect fired several shots at the victim, striking him at least once before fleeing from the scene in the truck.

The suspect is described as a **Caucasian or Hispanic male, approximately 20-30 years of age, with black hair** and an **average build**, last seen wearing a **white T-shirt**. The suspect vehicle is described as a **gold or light brown late-model 2009-2011 Toyota Tundra pickup truck with an extended cab and nerf-bars or steps under the doors**.

The Tucson Police Department urges anyone who may have witnessed the initial traffic incident south of the Jack in the Box, the altercation in the parking lot, or who has any other information about this incident, to call **911** or **88-CRIME**.

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