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HOMICIDE 3100 BLOCK OF EAST BLACKLIDGE DRIVE ***UPDATE – August 17, 2011***

On August 15, 2011, Gang Unit detectives obtained an arrest warrant for **21-year old Victor Lizardi**, in connection with the murder of Michael Smith. On the evening of August 17, 2011, members of the US Marshals AZWANTED Task Force located Lizardi at an acquaintance's residence near West Cortaro Road and Interstate 10. Lizardi was taken into custody and turned over to the Tucson Police Department. He has been charged with **one count of First Degree Murder**, and booked into the Pima County Jail.

Lizardi's booking photo will be added when available.

Sgt. Matt Ronstadt – August 17, 2011

UPDATE – August 17, 2011

The victim has been identified as **43-year old Michael Smith**, of Tucson. Smith was a resident of the apartment where the incident occurred. Next of kin have been notified.

The Gang Unit is continuing to investigate this case in an effort to identify and locate the suspect and to determine a motive for the crime.

If you have any information about this incident, please call **911** or **88-CRIME**.

Sgt. Matt Ronstadt – August 17, 2011

On August 14, 2011 at approximately 9:38 p.m., the Tucson Police Department received a 911 call reporting a shooting in a residence in the 3100 block of East Blacklidge Drive. Officers from Operations Division Midtown responded to the area and were on scene within six minutes of the call. Officers located an **adult male, approximately 45-years of age**, suffering from apparent gunshot trauma. Officers immediately began CPR and continued life-saving measures until paramedics arrived on scene. The victim's injuries were severe, and despite these efforts, he succumbed to his injuries at the scene. Next of kin have not yet been notified.

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During the initial response, information was obtained that a suspect or suspects had possibly fled on foot from the area. An extensive area search was conducted utilizing numerous patrol officers, the Service Dog Unit, and the Air Support Unit. Ultimately, that search was unsuccessful and no suspects were immediately located.

Detectives from the Gang Unit responded to continue the investigation at the scene after it was determined that at least one person at the scene during the incident had gang affiliations. Initial indications are that the victim and the suspect or suspects were acquainted with each other.

The investigation is ongoing.

The Tucson Police Department urges anyone with information about his incident to call **911** or **88-CRIME**.

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