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HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION 1700 BLOCK OF EAST PRINCE ROAD

*****UPDATE – August 5, 2021*****

Detectives from the Homicide Unit have made an additional arrest related to the fatal shooting of 30-year-old **Ron Everett Fitch**. As detectives continued the investigation, information was developed through interviews and forensic evidence identifying 16-year-old **Rashine Ashburn** as an additional suspect.

In the early morning of August 5, 2021, officers from Operations Division West/Community Response Team located and detained Ashburn in the 3800 block of E. Glenn St. Detectives interviewed Ashburn who was ultimately charged with First Degree Murder and 4 counts of Armed Robbery. Ashburn was subsequently booked into Pima County Jail. Attached is his booking photograph.

Through interviews and forensic evidence detectives learned that on the day of the homicide, McComb and Ashburn were involved in a separate armed robbery earlier in the day.

The investigation is still ongoing and additional charges may be added at the conclusion of the investigation.



Rashine Ashburn

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On July 28, 2021, at approximately 11:16 p.m., officers from Operations Division West were dispatched to the 1700 block of E. Prince Rd. for reports of gunfire and an unresponsive male in the parking lot.

Officers arrived on scene and located the male with obvious signs of gunshot trauma. Officers began rendering aid using their Individual First Aid Kit (IFAK) until Tucson Fire personnel arrived. Despite lifesaving efforts, the male was pronounced deceased at the scene. He has been identified as 30-year-old **Ron Everett Fitch**. Next of kin has been notified of his passing.

Homicide Detectives were contacted and responded to continue the investigation. Interviews conducted by detectives and officers determined that Mr. Fitch had agreed to make a sale through a third party selling site. As Mr. Fitch met to complete the sale, a robbery occurred. During the course of the robbery shots were fired and Mr. Fitch was struck.

As detectives continued the investigation information was developed through interviews, and forensic evidence that identified 17-year-old **Aaron Jordae McComb** as the suspect. On the early morning of July 31, 2021, officers from both Operations Division West and Operations Division East/Community Response Teams located McComb at his residence in the 7400 block of E. 22nd St. A search warrant was served at the residence and McComb was taken into custody and booked into Pima County Jail on First Degree Murder and Armed Robbery. Additional charges may be added at the conclusion of the investigation. Attached is McComb's booking photo.

Detectives believe there are additional suspects outstanding and are asking anyone with information to call 88-CRIME. You can remain anonymous. Additional details will be released as they become available.



Aaron Jordae McComb



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