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### **HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION 1901 NORTH WILMOT ROAD**

On March 22, 2017, just before 12:30 p.m., officers from Operations Division East responded to the northwest parking lot of 1901 N. Wilmot Road (Sycamore Creek Apartments) for a report of a possible deceased male. When officers arrived, Tucson Fire was providing medical treatment to the victim. A short time later, the victim succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased on scene. The victim was identified as **43-year-old Jamie Kogut**. Next of kin has been notified.

The caller told police that he had been driving through the parking lot and noticed the victim sitting in a work-style van. He said the victim appeared to be in distress so he stopped to assist. As he got closer, he noticed the male was bleeding from what appeared to be possible gunshot trauma. The caller and a nearby resident from the complex pulled the victim out of the van and began first-aid until Tucson Fire took over medical treatment.

As officers began their initial investigation, a second call was placed to 911 reference the shooting. The caller identified himself as **21-year-old Christopher Heiss-Richardson**. Christopher told police that he had just been involved in an altercation with the victim at the apartment complex on N. Wilmot Road. Officers from Operations Division South responded to Christopher's residence in the 4500 block of South Mission Road and detained him for questioning.

Tucson Police Homicide Detectives responded to 1901 N. Wilmot Road to continue the investigation. They were also trying to determine if this homicide was possibly related to last month's February 12<sup>th</sup> homicide that occurred at the same complex. After investigating the scene and interviewing Christopher, detectives were able to determine that Christopher was the brother of the victim (22-year-old Edward A. McGuire) from last month's homicide. Christopher was at the complex today putting up flyers in an attempt to gain information about his brother's murder. Christopher contacted Jamie Kogut who lives at the complex. Christopher knew that Jamie was with his brother Edward the night he was killed. The two men had a discussion and then left in separate vehicles. Before exiting the parking lot, they were involved in a confrontation which led to the shooting death of Jamie Kogut.

Christopher Heiss-Richardson was booked into the Pima County Jail on one count of Second Degree Murder.

Anyone with information about this homicide or the February 12, 2017 homicide is encouraged to call 88-CRIME.

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