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HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION 2200 BLOCK EAST SUNLAND VISTA

*****UPDATE – JANUARY 1, 2014*****

Detectives have been investigating this incident throughout the day and are releasing further details as well as asking for the public's assistance in identifying a potential witness. According to witnesses, a yellow sedan with the words "Yellow Cab" on the side dropped a male and female off on the side of the road in the 2200 block of East Sunland Vista around 3:45 a.m. this morning. Shortly after the cab left the area, a vehicle approached the male and female and a verbal altercation ensued between them. The altercation turned physical between the two parties. One of the males involved in the incident got into vehicle and intentionally ran over the three victims. It is unclear which party the suspect driver was originally with. Detectives believe that one of the female victims was an occupant of the vehicle when it arrived.

The female that was located deceased at the scene was identified as a 47-year old female. The male that succumbed to his injuries at the hospital was identified as a 32-year old male. The other victim is a 43-year old female and remains in a local area hospital with life threatening injuries. The names of the deceased are being withheld pending notification of the next of kin. Detectives are not releasing a suspect description at this time, but are asking for the public's assistance in identifying the cab driver involved in this incident. Detectives have contacted "Yellow Cab" and other cab companies in the Tucson area, but have been unsuccessful in identifying the cab or the cab driver. This person is believed to be a valuable witness into what occurred. Anyone with information on the cab, the cab driver or any other information is urged to contact 911 or 88-CRIME.

Sergeant Chris Widmer – January 1, 2014

On January 1, 2014, at 3:49 a.m., officers from Operations Division South responded to a report of a fight in the 2200 block of East Sunland Vista. The caller stated that a multiple subjects were fighting in the street and that a vehicle had ran over several of the people involved. Upon arrival, officers located three individuals down in the street, all appeared to have been struck by a vehicle. One of the victims, a female, was pronounced deceased at the scene. A male victim was transported to a local area hospital but succumbed to his injuries shortly after his arrival. The third victim, another

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female, was transported to a local area hospital with life threatening injuries. Officers located the vehicle involved abandoned in the desert area just west of Campbell Avenue and Sunland Vista. The suspect was not located. Initial statements from witnesses indicated that the vehicle intentionally ran over the victims after a physical confrontation.

Detectives from the Homicide Unit and Traffic Investigations Unit responded to the scene to continue the investigation. They are in the early stages of the investigation and further information will be released when it becomes available.

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