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### HOMICIDE 2480 NORTH PALO VERDE ROAD \*\*\*UPDATE – NOVEMBER 16, 2013\*\*\*

The 60-year old victim from the homicide that occurred at the apartment complex located at 2480 North Palo Verde Road on the early morning of November 16, 2013 has been identified as James Russell Smith. Next of kin have been notified. Detectives continue working to determine the circumstances, which led to his death, as well as identify the motive(s) and suspect(s) associated to the incident. Please call 911 or 88-Crime if you have any information that could assist investigators.

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Sergeant Maria Hawke – November 16, 2013

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At approximately 3:47 a.m. on November 16, 2013, officers from Operations Division Midtown responded to the apartment complex located at 2480 North Palo Verde Road in order to conduct a welfare check on an adult male, who was lying on the ground in the complex. Upon their arrival, officers discovered that the male was suffering from obvious signs of trauma. Emergency medical personnel from the Tucson Fire Department responded to the area as well. Ultimately, the male was pronounced deceased at the scene. He has been described as a 60-year old Caucasian male. Next of kin have not yet been notified.

Detectives from the Homicide Unit responded to assist with the investigation. They learned that a citizen at the complex heard a commotion occurring outside of his apartment. When the citizen looked out to see what was happening, he saw the male lying on the sidewalk and called 911. The investigation continues to determine the suspect(s) and motive(s) associated to the incident. Anyone having information about what occurred or the identity of the suspect(s) is asked to call 911 or 88-Crime.

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