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HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION 300 BLOCK OF WEST GRANT ROAD

At approximately 9:00 p.m. last night, officers from Operations Division West were dispatched to a report of a stabbing east of Oracle Road and W. Grant Road. Upon arrival, officers located an adult male with sharp-force trauma and immediately began rendering aid. The victim was transported by Tucson Fire to Banner University Medical Center with life-threatening injuries. Once at the hospital, the victim succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased. Officers identified the victim as 39-year-old **CJ Brye Battiest**. Next of kin was notified. Officers at the scene obtained a description of the suspect and searched the immediate area along with the TPD Air Unit; however, the suspect was not located. Detectives from the Homicide Unit responded to the scene and continued the investigation.

Detectives interviewed witnesses and processed the scene for evidence near a bus stop on Grant Road. A motive has yet to be established as detectives are awaiting further examination of forensic evidence. Investigators believe there were more witnesses to the incident that left the scene prior to police arrival. Detectives are seeking information from anyone who may have witnessed the events leading to the stabbing; witnesses are urged to call 88-CRIME – where you can remain anonymous. Additional updates will be provided as they become available.

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