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HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION 3800 BLOCK OF EAST FAIRMOUNT STREET

The Tucson Police Department has charged two juvenile teenagers in the death of a developmentally disabled man, who was assaulted on November 12, 2022.

On Saturday, November 12, patrol officers from Operations Division Midtown responded to the 3800 block of E. Fairmount Street, near N. Alvernon Way, for a report of an assault. Officers arrived just after 12:00 p.m. and located an unresponsive male with blunt force trauma. Personnel from the Tucson Fire Department responded and transported the victim to Banner University Medical Center with life-threatening injuries. Officers requested detectives from the Violent Crimes Unit to respond and began canvassing the area for witnesses.

Through witness statements, detectives learned that the victim was approached by a group of four juvenile teens – armed with a baseball bat and BB gun – while he was sitting outside. Two members of the group confronted the victim, one pointing the BB gun at him, and the other assaulting him with the bat. The other two teens fled as the assault took place. The victim also attempted to run away; however, the teen – armed with the bat – chased after the victim, continuing the assault. The remaining juveniles reportedly dispersed on foot. Detectives were able to obtain a description of the two suspects who were armed with the bat and BB gun.

The next day, investigators developed information identifying the group of teens: a 17-year-old male that was armed with the BB gun; a 13-year-old male, who was armed with the bat; and the two 15-year-old males, who were present but did not take part in the assault. Detectives conducted additional interviews and served a search warrant on a residence, which ultimately led them to charge the 13-year-old male with Attempted 1st Degree Murder. He was transported and held at the Pima County Juvenile Detention Center (PCJDC) while the investigation continued.

The victim remained in the hospital receiving treatment for his injuries and was placed on life support. On November 14, 2022, the victim succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased. Detectives identified the victim as 37-year-old **Rabi Magar**. Next of kin was notified. In speaking with Mr. Magar's family, detectives learned that the victim was developmentally disabled and was virtually non-verbal.

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Upon Mr. Magar's passing, Homicide Detectives responded to PCJDC and amended the 13-year-old suspect's charge to 1st Degree Murder. The 17-year-old male was also charged with 1st Degree Murder; detectives booked him into Pima County Jail/Adult Complex. He is currently being held on a \$1,000,000 bond. Detectives will present their findings, including those of the two 15-year-old juveniles, to the Pima County Attorney's Office for further review. Additional updates will be provided as they become available.

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