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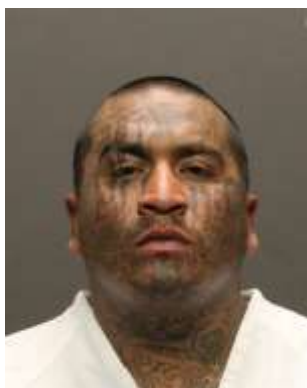
HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION 400 BLOCK OF WEST OHIO STREET

*****UPDATE – December 15, 2022*****

The Tucson Police Department Homicide Unit has made an arrest in the fatal shooting of **Manuel Martinez-Gomez**, which occurred in June of last year near W. Ohio Street and S. 11th Avenue.

Through their continuous investigation and processing of forensic evidence, detectives identified 35-year-old **Antonio Rea Valdez** as a suspect. On December 14, 2022, officers from Operations Division South/Community Response Team (ODS/CRT) located Valdez on Tucson's Southside. He was taken in to custody without incident and contacted by Homicide Detectives. Investigators ultimately charged Mr. Valdez with 1st Degree Murder; he was transported and booked into the Pima County Jail where he is being held on a \$1,000,000 bond.

Detectives are continuing the investigation and are asking anyone with information to come forward and call 88-CRIME. You can remain anonymous. Additional updates will be provided as they become available.



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On June 1, 2021, at 2:42 a.m., officers from Operations Division South were dispatched to a 911 call reporting a shooting at a residence in the 400 block of W. Ohio St. Upon arrival, officers located an adult male in the front yard with obvious signs of gunshot trauma, and they immediately began rendering aid. Tucson Fire Medics also responded and continued to render aid. Despite lifesaving efforts, the victim succumbed to his injuries and died at the scene. The victim was identified and 38-year-old **Manuel Erminio Martinez-Gomez**. His family was notified of his death.

Detectives from the Violent Crimes Unit were briefed on the incident and responded to continue the investigation. According to interviews conducted by officers and detectives, Martinez-Gomez was living at the residence. Prior to the shooting, detectives believe he was sitting inside a vehicle that was parked in the front yard. Just before 2:40 a.m., residents from the home reported hearing several gunshots outside. The residents then exited the home and found Martinez-Gomez inside the vehicle with gunshot trauma; they immediately called 911.

Detectives are actively pursuing leads and are seeking ANY information regarding this homicide. You can call 911 or 88-CRIME and, as always, you can remain anonymous. Additional details will be released as they become available – the investigation is continuing.

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