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HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION 4600 BLOCK OF EAST MONTECITO STREET

The Tucson Police Department is actively investigating a double homicide that occurred in midtown early this morning.

On January 5, 2017, just after midnight, the Tucson Police Department received numerous calls about shots being fired in the 4600 block of East Montecito Street. Officers from Operations Division Midtown responded to the area and were flagged down to a specific residence where the shooting took place. Officers located three adult males with obvious signs of gunshot trauma. Two of the males were lying on the ground in the front yard and were pronounced deceased on scene. The other male was immediately treated by officers utilizing their Individual First Aid Kits (IFAK). Tucson Fire responded to continue medical treatment and then transported the male to a local hospital with life threatening injuries.

The two deceased males have been identified as 20-year-old Eugenio Pesqueira and 21-year-old Jose Pichardo. Next of kin have been notified

Detectives from the Night Detective Unit, Gang Unit and Home Invasion Unit responded to continue the investigation. Based on information obtained and evidence collected at the scene, detectives believe that Pesqueira and Pichardo had gone to the residence to commit a home invasion style robbery. Both were armed with firearms and began pointing their guns at the residents and their visitors who were outside. One of the individuals at the home also pulled out a firearm and gunfire was exchanged. Pesqueira and Pichardo were shot and killed. The other person who was shot was visiting a friend at the home. He is currently in stable, but critical condition. Detectives believe the incident was gang related and not a random shooting/home invasion.

If you have any information about this incident, you are encouraged to call 911 or 88-CRIME. You can remain anonymous.

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