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### HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION 5500 BLOCK OF SOUTH TYNDALL AVENUE

The Tucson Police Department is actively investigating a homicide that occurred on the city's south side.

On October 1, 2017, around 4:45 p.m., officers from Operations Division South responded to a report of a check welfare in the 5500 block of S. Tyndall Ave. Officers learned family members had not heard from their loved one and believed her to be associated to the residence. Prior to arrival, a family member entered the home and found their loved one deceased. Officers arrived on scene and confirmed an adult female was deceased inside the residence. She has been identified as **52-year-old Maria Escobedo**. Her next of kin was on scene and they were notified.

Detectives from the Tucson Police Department Homicide Unit responded to the scene to continue the investigation. The investigation is in the early stages but preliminary information has revealed Ms. Escobedo did not reside at the house. They learned two males lived at the residence. One male was on scene detectives spoke with him. The other male was not present at the scene. He is believed to be an acquaintance of Ms. Escobedo with whom she had a relationship. It is unknown at this time the current status of that relationship. Detectives are actively working to locate that male.

The investigation is ongoing to determine when Ms. Escobedo died and an autopsy will be performed this week to determine cause and manner of death. Detectives are requesting anyone with information related to please call 911 or 88-CRIME (you can remain anonymous).

Additional details will be released as they become available.

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