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### HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION 6000 BLOCK OF SOUTH SOUTHLAND BOULEVARD

The Tucson Police Department is actively investigating a homicide that occurred late last month at a residence in the 6000 block of South Southland Boulevard.

On December 30, 2016, the Tucson Police Department received a call from an individual claiming to have information about a possible homicide. Detectives with the Homicide Unit responded and spoke with family members who claimed that a relative by the name of David Adi-Lopez may have been involved in a homicide at their home. Detectives learned that on December 27, 2016, family members came home and found a large amount of blood inside of their house. David lives at the residence, but was not home. When family spoke with David by telephone, he advised that he had a medical emergency and was seeking medical treatment. Family members then cleaned the home while he was away. David never returned home and no record was found that he ever received medical treatment at a hospital. On December 30, 2016, family members called police after receiving information that David may have killed someone in the home and then removed the body.

Homicide Detectives obtained a search warrant for the residence and although it had been cleaned, blood evidence was recovered that was indicative of significant trauma. A court order was obtained for David's cell phone which showed multiple calls to an individual by the name of Harry Griffin. When detectives went to speak to Mr. Griffin, they learned from family and friends that he had not been seen for days and that his vehicle was also missing. An "Attempt to Locate" was then issued for 68-year-old Harry Griffin and his vehicle.

On January 3, 2017, Nogales Police Officers located Mr. Griffin's vehicle near the border in Nogales, AZ. Tucson Police Homicide Detectives searched the vehicle and located Mr. Griffin's body inside the trunk. An autopsy is scheduled for later this week to determine the exact cause of death. Next of kin has been notified.

On January 4, 2017, detectives obtained a felony arrest warrant for 24-year-old David Adi-Lopez for 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Murder and Theft of Means of Transportation (Auto Theft). David is described as a Hispanic male, 5'7, 120lbs, with short black hair and brown eyes. He has a small birthmark on the right side of his forehead, a star tattoo on the back of his neck and tattoos on his arms that read "Axel" and "Jaydon".

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If you have any information about this incident or know the possible whereabouts of David Adi-Lopez, you are encouraged to call 911 or 88-CRIME. You can remain anonymous.



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