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HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION 75 NORTH FIRST AVENUE

*****UPDATE – OCTOBER 13, 2017*****

Tucson Police Department detectives have continued their investigation into last night's homicide that occurred at Iron Horse Park (75 N. 1st Ave.).

Detectives have determined the shooting at Iron Horse Park and the unknown trouble call where a male with gunshot trauma was located at N. 4th Ave. and E. 9th St. are related. Detectives have been able to determine the male located at N. 4th Ave. and E. 9th St. was one of the outstanding suspects. He is still receiving care at a local area hospital. The other suspect remains outstanding. He was described as a Hispanic male, late teens, approximately 5'8" with a skinny build. He was last seen wearing a black baseball hat and red bandana. The detectives are requesting anyone with information to please call 911 or 88-CRIME (you can remain anonymous).

The victim has been identified as **53-year-old Nicholas Encalade**. His next of kin has been notified.

Sergeant Kimberly Bay – October 13, 2017

The Tucson Police Department is actively investigating a homicide that occurred last night at Iron Horse Park (75 N. 1st Ave.).

On October 12, 2017, just after 7:30 p.m., officers from Operations Division West and the Downtown District, along with members of the Tucson Fire Department, responded to reports of shots heard near 75 N. 1st Ave. (Iron Horse Park). Upon arrival, they located an adult male in the park (near the mouth of the Rattlesnake Bridge) with obvious signs of gunshot trauma. Paramedics immediately rendered aid and transported the male to Banner University Medical Center with life-threatening injuries. The male later succumbed to injuries and was pronounced deceased at the hospital. His identity is being withheld, pending next of kin notification.

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Approximately fifteen minutes after the original call, the Tucson Police Department received a 911 call reporting an unknown trouble in the area of N. 4th Ave. and E. 9th St. Officers responded to that area and located an adult male with obvious gunshot trauma. Members from the Tucson Fire Department responded and the male was transported to a local area hospital with serious injuries. At this time, it is unknown if the two incidents are related.

Tucson Police Department detectives responded to both scenes to continue the investigation. Preliminary information has revealed that an adult male and an adult female had been visiting Iron Horse Park when they were approached by two unknown Hispanic males who demanded property from them. The male and female gave the men property but at one point, one of the Hispanic males produced a gun and shot the male victim. The female victim was not injured. Both Hispanic males fled on foot eastbound. The K-9 Unit and the Air Unit responded to assist with an extensive search but the Hispanic male suspects were not located. The suspect descriptions are as follows:

- Suspect 1 – Hispanic male, 5’8”, 200lbs. He was last seen wearing a black baseball hat and dark blue shirt. He was armed with a gun.
- Suspect 2 – Hispanic male, 5’8” with a skinny build. He was last seen wearing a black baseball hat and red bandana.

No suspect information is available at this time reference the male found with the gunshot trauma at N. 4th Ave. and E. 9th St.

The investigation is in the early stages and detectives are requesting anyone with information related to either of these incidents to please call 911 or 88-CRIME (you can remain anonymous).

Additional details will be released as they become available.

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