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### HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION 75 NORTH FIRST AVENUE

**\*\*\*UPDATE – APRIL 26, 2020\*\*\***

While detectives were continuing their investigation into the homicide of 50-year-old Casey Wright, they were able to locate numerous witnesses. Based on witness information and evidence collected from the scene, detectives were able to obtain probable cause for an arrest warrant on **22-year-old Eric Wildman**.

On the evening of April 24, 2020, officers with the Operations Division West Community Response Team located Wildman in the area of Park and Irvington. He was taken into custody without incident and transported to the main police station where detectives spoke with him. After interviewing Wildman, he was booked into Pima County Jail on his arrest warrant for one count of First Degree Murder. His booking photograph is attached below.



**Eric Wildman**

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**Sergeant Pete Dugan – April 26, 2020**

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**\*\*\*UPDATE – APRIL 6, 2020\*\*\***

As Detectives continued their investigation, on the evening of April 3, 2020, they were able to notify the next of kin of the victim identified as 50-year-old Casey Donald Wright. Investigators are asking anyone with information regarding this case to call 88-CRIME. This is an ongoing investigation. No arrests have been made at this time.

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**Officer Ray Smith – April 6, 2020**

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On April 2, 2020, at approximately 9:45 a.m., a passerby called 911 reporting a male appeared to be unconscious at Iron Horse Park located at 75 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Officers from Operations Division West and Tucson Fire Department were dispatched and responded to the park.

Upon arrival, the adult male was located and pronounced deceased at the scene. Officers noted obvious signs of trauma on the deceased victim. Detectives with the Homicide Unit were contacted and responded to continue the investigation. Interviews and evidence were collected at the scene. The victim has been identified; however, his identity is being withheld pending next of kin notification. At this time, investigators believe the victim was a transient and are asking anyone with information to come forward and call 88-CRIME. You can remain anonymous. Details are limited at this time but will be released as they become available.

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