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HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION EAST 3RD STREET AND NORTH ALVERNON WAY

The Tucson Police Department is actively investigating a homicide that occurred in the midtown area of Tucson.

On November 23, 2017, at approximately 9:15 a.m., officers from Operations Division Midtown responded to a report of a shooting in the area of East 3rd Street and North Alvernon Way. Upon arrival, officers located an adult male lying on the sidewalk just west of the intersection. Residents from the area were performing CPR on the male who had obvious signs of gunshot trauma. Officers took over medical treatment and utilized their Individual First Aid Kits (IFAK) until Tucson Fire personnel were able to move into the scene and take over. The victim was transported to a nearby hospital where he was pronounced deceased shortly after arrival.

Initial information gathered on scene led officers to believe that the shooting was possibly gang related. Detectives with the Tucson Police Department Gang Unit responded to continue the investigation. Detectives spoke with witnesses and gathered evidence at the scene. Although they are still in the early stages of the investigation, they were able to determine that the victim had been involved in a verbal altercation with several subjects near the intersection. During the altercation, a shot was fired and the victim was struck in the chest.

The victim was identified as 38-year-old Carlos Simmons. Next of kin has been notified.

At this time, no suspects are in custody. Detectives are following up on leads and asking anyone with information to please call 88-CRIME. You can remain anonymous.

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