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### HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION EAST SPEEDWAY BOULEVARD & NORTH ROSEMONT BOULEVARD

The Tucson Police Department is actively investigating a homicide that occurred early this morning in Midtown Tucson.

On March 03, 2019, just after midnight, multiple calls were made to 911 reporting shots being heard in the area of East Speedway Boulevard and North Rosemont Boulevard. As officers were responding, an additional call was received about an unresponsive male who was located in a nearby alleyway. Upon arrival, officers discovered the male had obvious signs of gunshot trauma. Tucson Fire was on scene and immediately transported the victim to Banner University Medical Center. Shortly after arrival, the victim succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased. The victim was identified as **31-year-old Benjamin Barnett**. Next of kin has been notified.

Detectives with the Tucson Police Homicide Unit responded to continue the investigation. They are currently following up on leads in the case and are trying to determine what led up to the shooting. Based on initial information gathered, the shooting does not appear to be random and it is believed that multiple people have information about what took place.

Homicide Detectives are asking anyone with information to please call 88-CRIME. You can remain anonymous. At this time there are no suspects in custody. Additional details will be released as they become available.

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