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HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION 7600 BLOCK OF EAST APPLE TREE DRIVE

*****UPDATE – NOVEMBER 15, 2015*****

The detectives have continued their investigation into this incident. They spoke with the parties involved along with additional witnesses. It appears the female had a prior relationship with a male who lived at the residence and had been contacting him. The male was in a new relationship. On November 13, 2015 the female drove to the male's residence and engaged in a physical fight outside with one of the occupants. The female eventually became unresponsive and the occupants called 911. The detectives are continuing this investigation and once the investigation is complete, the case will be presented to the Pima County Attorney's Office for review.

The female has been identified as 47-year-old Gonekie Tatum. Next of kin have been notified.

Sergeant Kimberly Bay – November 15, 2015

The Tucson Police Department is currently investigating a physical altercation that turned deadly last night on the east side of town.

On November 13, 2015, around 7:15 p.m., officers from Operations Division East responded to a report fight in the 7600 block of East Apple Tree Drive. Upon arrival, officers located an unresponsive adult female on the ground in front of a residence. Officers immediately performed CPR and summoned paramedics. Members from the Tucson Fire Department arrived on scene a short time later. The female was transported to Carondelet St. Joseph's Hospital where she was later pronounced deceased. The identity of the female is being withheld pending next of kin notification.

Detectives from the Tucson Police Department's Homicide Unit responded to the scene to continue the investigation. The investigation is in the early stages but preliminary information revealed the parties involved in the fight knew each other. At this time it does not appear anyone is outstanding or any weapons were involved. Additional information will be released as it becomes available. Detectives are asking anyone with information to please call 88-CRIME.

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