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OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING SOUTH PARK AVENUE AND EAST DREXEL ROAD

At approximately 10:16 p.m. on November 16, 2013, officers from Operations Division South began investigating a shooting incident that occurred near the intersection of East Drexel Road and South Copper Plate Avenue, which is just east of the intersection of South Park Avenue and East Drexel Road. The victim of that incident died as a result of the shooting. He as well as other occupants of the vehicle in which he had been riding ultimately ended up flagging down an officer near the intersection of South Park Avenue and East Drexel Road. As a result of the initial investigative efforts relating to the shooting/homicide investigation, portions of East Drexel Road and South Park Avenue were closed to vehicular traffic. An officer positioned his vehicle on the roadway of South Park Avenue, just north of East Drexel Road. While there, the officer engaged in a confrontation with the occupants of a dark colored 2006 Ford Ranger, who approached him as he was conducting point control and not allowing vehicles to continue driving southbound on South Park Avenue. During the course of the confrontation, the driver of the Ford Ranger quickly began maneuvering to complete a U-turn in the roadway in order to drive northbound on South Park Avenue. The officer was seen hanging on to the passenger window/door of the Ford Ranger for a few moments before ultimately disengaging from the vehicle as it was making the U-turn. At that point, the officer fired his duty weapon multiple times at the Ford Ranger, striking it and the driver at least one time. The officer was not injured.

The Ford Ranger continued traveling northbound on South Park Avenue, but came to a stop after colliding with a wall near the intersection of South Park Avenue and East Bantam Road. Immediately after the collision, the driver of the Ford Ranger, later identified as Ramon Cedeno-Soto (36 years of age), exited the vehicle and ran into a nearby mobile home park. He entered a residence and refused to come out. After approximately 1 hour, Mr. Cedeno-Soto exited the mobile home and was taken into custody without further incident. An adult female friend and her two children were inside of the mobile home residence as well. Neither the adult female nor the children were injured as a result of the incident.

Mr. Cedeno-Soto was transported to a local hospital for treatment of an apparent gunshot wound, which was deemed to be non-life threatening. Upon his release from the hospital on the morning of November 17, 2013, Mr. Cedeno-Soto was arrested and charged with 1 count of Endangerment, a felony offense. He was transported and booked into the Pima County Jail. A booking photograph is not yet available for Mr. Cedeno-Soto.



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The adult male passenger of the Ford Ranger remained with the vehicle after the collision. He was injured during the collision. Emergency medical personnel from the Tucson Fire Department responded to the scene of the collision and transported the passenger to a hospital for treatment of his injuries.

As is standard procedure for all officer-involved shootings, detectives from the Homicide Unit responded to conduct an investigation regarding the shooting incident. Additionally, investigative personnel from the Office of Internal Affairs responded to conduct a parallel, administrative investigation. The investigation continues, and additional details may be released at a future date.

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