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### AGGRAVATED ASSAULT 1600 BLOCK NORTH ALVERNON \*\*\*UPDATE – JULY 27, 2012\*\*\*

Tucson Police Department Aggravated Assault Unit Detectives, with assistance from the public, have been conducting an extensive on-going investigation and have positively identified the driver of the pickup truck that struck and resulted in the death of Sterling Lytle on June 28, 2012. The driver has been identified as **39-year old Jesus Xavier Zepeda, also known as "Javie."** Jesus is described as a **Hispanic male, 5'08" tall, weighing 200 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes.** Detectives worked diligently to not only identify Mr. Zepeda, but also to obtain a warrant for his arrest. He has not yet been located.

Additionally, the Tucson Police Department has not yet located the truck involved in this incident. Detectives were able to determine that the truck is a **2001 Chevrolet Silverado with custom paint in a color described as "burnt orange with a reddish tint."** The vehicle has graphics on it, which become more pronounced as one gets closer to the truck. It possibly has a camper shell on it in the same custom paint color and is possibly bearing Arizona license plate LMO7418. The Tucson Police Department believes that the truck remains in the United States, but is **intentionally being concealed from law enforcement.**

Anyone having information about the whereabouts of either Mr. Zepeda or the vehicle are urged to call **911 or 88-Crime.** Citizens can also provide anonymous text and web tips utilizing the **TipSoft program.** Photographs of both Mr. Zepeda and the actual vehicle are included below.

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Jesus Xavier Zepeda



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Sergeant Maria Hawke – July 27, 2012

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### \*\*\*UPDATE – JULY 10, 2012\*\*\*

Tucson Police Department investigative personnel continue working to identify the suspect involved in this incident as well as locate what is believed to be an **Orange 2005 Chevrolet Silverado Sport Pickup Truck or Chevrolet Avalanche Truck**. In an effort to generate additional leads, a photograph of the front bumper of the suspect vehicle is included below. It came off the truck and was left at the scene on the early morning of June 28, 2012. Anyone having information about the location of the vehicle or the identity of the driver is urged to call **911 or 88-Crime**. Additionally, citizens can send anonymous text and web tips to the Tucson Police Department. Mobile phone users can provide anonymous crime tips to the Tucson Police Department, utilizing a new technology called TipSoft. The new program

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allows citizens to send anonymous tips online via iPhone or Android mobile apps. Additionally, they can send a text message to "CRIMES" (274637) beginning with the keyword "**TucsonPD**" from a mobile phone.



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Sergeant Maria Hawke – July 10, 2012

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**\*\*\*UPDATE – JUNE 29, 2012\*\*\***

Detectives have determined from evidence located at the scene, that the suspect vehicle involved in this incident was a 2005 Chevrolet Silverado Super Sport Pickup, orange in color.

Anyone with information on this vehicle and/or the driver is encouraged to call 911 or 88-CRIME.

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Sergeant Chris Widmer – June 29, 2012

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On June 28, 2012 at approximately 2:41 a.m., officers from Operations Division Midtown responded to the 1600 block of North Alvernon in reference to an unknown trouble call. Upon arrival, officers located an adult male in the parking lot of a private business, suffering from obvious signs of trauma. Tucson Fire Department medical personnel transported him to a local area hospital with life threatening injuries.

Detectives from the Aggravated Assault Unit and the Traffic Investigation Unit responded to continue the investigation. They examined evidence and spoke to potential witnesses in the area. Initial information given indicated that the victim was the passenger in a vehicle traveling northbound on Alvernon Way. A vehicle traveling directly behind the victims vehicle began flashing its lights and honking its horn. The victim's vehicle pulled into the parking lot of a private business and the vehicle behind them followed them into the lot. The passenger exited the victim vehicle to speak with the occupant of the suspect vehicle at which time the suspect vehicle ran over the victim and fled the scene northbound.

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The suspect vehicle is described as a mid 90's Chevy Blazer, orange in color, with visible front-end damage. The driver is described as a Hispanic male.

Anyone with information on this vehicle and/or the driver is encouraged to call 911 or 88-CRIME.

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