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### HOMICIDE 2100 BLOCK EAST SILVOSA STREET \*\*\*UPDATE – AUGUST 28, 2012\*\*\*

Tucson Police Department Homicide Detectives have continued working diligently to identify the persons involved in this investigation. Detectives believe that they have identified all involved parties related to the incident. The motive for the shooting remains under investigation. As a result of the examination of the circumstances surrounding the death of Mario Martin Paz, **Ismael Cuevas (20 years old) was charged with 1 count of First Degree Murder** on the late evening of August 27, 2012. He was booked into the Pima County Jail. A booking photograph is included below.



Ismael Cuevas

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Sergeant Maria Hawke – August 28, 2012

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On August 18, 2012 at approximately 3:51 a.m., officers from Operations Division South responded to a report of a shooting in the 2100 block of East Silvosa Street. Upon arrival, officers located an adult male in the front yard of a residence suffering from gunshot trauma. Officers immediately began to render first aid until the arrival of Tucson Fire Department emergency personnel. Despite their efforts, the male was pronounced dead at the scene. Initial information

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given to responding officers was that the suspects had fled on foot. Officers set up a perimeter and conducted a search for the suspects, but none were immediately located.

Homicide Detectives responded to the scene to continue the investigation. They examined and collected evidence, as well as interviewed potential witnesses. The initial information given to detectives was that there was a small gathering with family and friends at the residence. At the time of the incident, most the guests were inside the house. The victim was speaking with at least three males in the front yard of the residence. The guest inside the house heard shouting and then at least one gunshot from the front yard. They came out to see the victim down in the front yard suffering from gunshot trauma. The males that were with the victim had left the scene.

At this time, no suspects have been identified in the shooting. The relationship between the victim and the males in the front yard with him is unknown. The victim has been identified as 24-year old Mario Martin Paz. Next of kin have been notified. Anyone with information is encouraged to call 911 or 88-CRIME.

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