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HOMICIDE 2000 BLOCK OF SOUTH PARK AVENUE

*****UPDATE – November 26, 2011*****

The deceased male and female victims from this incident have been identified. The male victim was **51-year old Tucson resident Frederick Perkins**. The female victim was **28-year old Tucson resident Moire Purdie**. Next of kin for both victims have been notified.

The Gang Investigative Unit Detectives have continued their efforts to identify both the suspect(s) and motive for the incident throughout the morning. As a result of their interviews, it is now believed that the green SUV that was seen leaving the scene was more likely carrying witnesses instead of suspects. However, the detectives would still like to speak with the occupants of the SUV, as they might have valuable knowledge about the incident. As always, anyone with knowledge regarding the shooting incident is asked to provide information as soon as possible by calling **911 or 88-Crime**.

Sergeant Maria Hawke – November 26, 2011

At approximately 1:47 a.m. on November 26, 2011, the Tucson Police Department received several 911 calls reporting that a shooting incident had occurred in the **2000 Block of South Park Avenue**. Officers from Operations Division South responded to the area, arriving within approximately 3 minutes of their initial dispatch. As officers arrived to the area, they encountered several witnesses and found two victims that were suffering from obvious signs of trauma. One of the victims was an **African-American, 51-year old male** and the other was an **African-American, 28-year old female**. Tucson Fire Department paramedics also responded to the location of the shooting incident. The male and female victims were pronounced deceased at the scene. Next of kin notification is pending.

It should be noted that a third victim, an **African-American, 22-year old male**, left the scene of the shooting incident prior to police arrival. He went to an area hospital for treatment of injuries

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that he sustained during the course of the shooting incident. He is expected to survive his injuries.

Detectives from the Gang Investigative Unit responded to the scene to continue the investigation due to the fact that at least one of the involved parties was known to have gang affiliations. The initial investigation indicates that several people were gathered in the 2000 Block of South Park Avenue in the early morning hours of November 26, 2011. While they were there, unknown suspects arrived and began to fire numerous shots towards the group. The three described victims were injured during the course of the incident. Immediately after the shots rang out, the suspects possibly left in a vehicle that was described as a **green Sport Utility Vehicle**. Witnesses report that there may have been damage to the rear of the vehicle, which resulted from a minor collision that occurred as the vehicle was leaving the area. The investigation is ongoing at this time. The suspects and motive for the crime have yet to be identified.

The department urges anyone with information about the suspects and/or motive related to this incident to call **911** or **88-Crime**.

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