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HOMICIDE
3601 SOUTH 16TH AVENUE

On November 9, 2011 at approximately 5:10 p.m., the Tucson Police Department received several 911 calls reporting shots heard or shots fired at an apartment located at 3601 South 16th Avenue. Officers from operations Division South responded to the location and found an adult male outside an apartment. The male was suffering from apparent gunshot trauma. He was transported to a local trauma center, where he succumbed to his injuries approximately three hours later. The name of the victim is being withheld pending notification of next of kin. He is described as a **Native-American male, approximately 18-years of age**.

Detectives from the Gang Investigations Unit responded to the scene to continue the investigation. Detectives have determined that the apartment was occupied by at least three subjects when the victim became engaged in an argument with at least one of them. During the argument, at least one shot was fired, striking the victim while he was outside the apartment door.

Detectives detained 21-year old James Joshua Adams for further investigation. Adams was subsequently arrested in connection with this case. Adams will be booked into the Pima County Adult Detention Center on **one count each of 1st Degree Murder and Prohibited Possessor**. A booking photo will be available tomorrow.

The victim and at least one of the subjects in the apartment had a history of gang affiliations. The investigation is ongoing, and a motive for the shooting is still unknown.

The Tucson Police Department urges anyone with information about this incident to contact 911 or 88-CRIME.

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