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# Media Release



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## HOMICIDE 6000 BLOCK OF SOUTH FONTANA AVENUE

### \*\*\*UPDATE – SEPTEMBER 28, 2011\*\*\*

On the evening of September 27, 2011, Tucson Police Department Gang Unit detectives developed information about the identity and location of the fourth suspect in this investigation. The suspect was located and arrested without incident a short time later. He is identified as **39-year old Elmer Barrera-Grijalva**, of Tucson. He has been charged with on **one count each of 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Murder, Kidnapping, and Aggravated Assault**, and booked into the Pima County Adult Detention Center.

Detectives do not anticipate making any additional arrests in this case.



Elmer Barrera-Grijalva



Josue Hernandez



Raul Martinez



Arcadio Chavez

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### \*\*\*UPDATE – SEPTEMBER 26, 2011\*\*\*

On September 26, 2011, after working this investigation non-stop through the night and all of the following day, Gang Unit detectives have made three arrests in connection with the murder of Arturo Arvizu.

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While conducting the initial investigation at the scene, detectives obtained information that led them to a residence in the 200 block of West Illinois. Surveillance was established and several people were detained as they left the residence. Ultimately, the SWAT and Hostage Crisis Team were called in to assist in serving a search warrant at the residence, due to the possibility that there were additional subjects inside who might be armed and dangerous. The warrant was served without incident and no one else was located inside.

Arrested at or near the residence were **26-year old Josue Hernandez** and **37-year old Raul Martinez**, of Tucson; and **32-year old Arcadio Chavez**, of Arivaca. All three were charged with **one count each of 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Murder, Kidnapping, and Aggravated Assault** in connection with this case. They have all been booked into the Pima County Adult Detention Center.

Detectives are continuing to investigate this case and develop leads. They are investigating the possibility that there are additional suspects who remain outstanding.

**\*\*\*NOTE-**Due to the nature of the ongoing investigative efforts that are anticipated, **no booking photos are available for release at this time** on the grounds that premature release of the images would negatively impact the investigation.

The Tucson Police Department urges anyone with information about this case to call **911** or **88-CRIME**.

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On September 25, 2011 at approximately 8:50 p.m., the Tucson Police Department received a 911 call reporting a suspicious vehicle in the 6000 block of South Fontana Avenue. The caller reported that an unfamiliar vehicle had been left on the street. Officers from Operations Division South responded to the area and located the vehicle. Inside the vehicle was the body of a deceased male, with obvious signs of trauma. The victim has been identified as **26-year old Arturo Arvizu**, of Tucson. Next of kin have been notified.

Detectives from the Night Detectives Unit initially responded to the scene, and based upon their initial findings, discovered indications of gang involvement. The Gang Unit responded to continue the investigation at the scene, and the investigation is ongoing at this time.

Detectives are working to determine the identity and whereabouts of the suspects, as well as to determine a motive for this homicide.

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