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HOMICIDE 900 BLOCK EAST DREXEL ROAD

On September 15, 2011 at approximately 8:06 PM, the Tucson Police Department received a 911 call reporting shots heard in the **900 Block of East Drexel Road**. The caller also indicated that a male might have been struck by the gunfire. Officers from Operations Division South responded to the incident location, arriving within approximately 5 minutes of the initial 911 call. The first patrol unit on scene located an adult male lying on the sidewalk area in the 900 Block of East Drexel Road. He began to perform CPR on the male, as he was unresponsive. Tucson Fire Department personnel arrived shortly thereafter and transported the victim to a local hospital, where he was pronounced deceased. It appears that the victim was struck by at least one of the bullets that were fired, although cause of death will be confirmed during an autopsy. The victim is being identified as a **Hispanic male, approximately 41-years of age**. Next of kin notification is still pending.

Detectives from the Homicide Unit and the Night Detectives Unit responded to the scene to continue the investigation. The detectives have learned that the victim was standing on the sidewalk, speaking with some of the witnesses just before the shots rang out. While the group was talking with one another, a vehicle approached from the west. As the vehicle passed, approximately 2 to 3 shots were fired. The vehicle then left and was last seen heading eastbound on East Drexel Road. It was described as a **light colored truck**.

At this time, the motive for the shooting is unclear. The number of suspects is also unknown. Anyone with information about this incident is urged to call **911** or **88-Crime**.

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