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HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION NORTH PARK AVENUE AND EAST SEVENTH STREET ***UPDATE – OCTOBER 25, 2011***

On the afternoon of October 24, 2011, Tucson Police Department Gang Unit located and arrested **24-year old Juan Carlos Gil**, of Tucson, in connection with this investigation. Gil was booked into the Pima County Adult Detention Center on **one count each of 1st Degree Murder, Armed Robbery, Aggravated Robbery, and Theft of a Means of Transportation**, all felonies.

Due to the ongoing nature of this investigation, no photograph of Gil is available for release at this time. A booking photo will be provided when its release will not compromise continuing investigative efforts.

Both vehicles have been recovered and are being held as evidence.

Sgt. Matt Ronstadt – October 25, 2011

At approximately 12:02 AM on September 25, 2011, the Tucson Police Department and University of Arizona Police Department received numerous 911 calls reporting shots fired in the area of **North Park Avenue and East Seventh Street**. Officers arrived within a minute and found an **adult Hispanic male** lying on the ground in a parking lot near that intersection. He appeared to be suffering from gunshot trauma. As such, Tucson Fire Department medical personnel transported him to a local hospital for further medical evaluation and treatment. The victim succumbed to his injuries while at the hospital and was pronounced deceased. Next of kin have not been notified.

Detectives from the Gang Investigations and Night Detective Units responded to continue the investigation. The detectives interviewed the witnesses and collected evidence at the scene. They determined that several witnesses heard multiple gunshots fired just before learning that the victim was lying on the ground. Witnesses reported that soon after hearing the gunshots, they saw a **Beige 1979 Chevrolet Coupe**, believed to be the victim's vehicle, leaving the area. In addition, a **white pickup truck** was also seen leaving the area, possibly with the victim's vehicle. Both vehicles were still outstanding. Additionally, witnesses described two suspects

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associated with this incident. The first suspect was described as a **Hispanic male, approximately 5'08" tall, with a thin build, and wearing a white shirt and baggy jeans.** The second male was described as a **Hispanic male, wearing a cowboy hat, a blue and white collared shirt, and jeans.** Both subjects were still outstanding.

It should be noted that the Gang Investigations Unit responded to assist with the investigation due to the fact that there were initial indications of possible gang involvement. However, the suspects and motive for the crime have yet to be identified. Anyone with information regarding the suspects, motive, or incident is encouraged to call **911 or 88-Crime.**

*****UPDATE*****

The victim in this incident has been identified as 35-year old Green Valley resident, Francisco Antonio Gastello. Next of kin have been notified. The investigation continues regarding the suspects and motive for the crime.

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