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HOMICIDE - SUICIDE 3400 BLOCK OF SOUTH BIRCH AVENUE

On September 23, 2011 at approximately 4:35 p.m., the Tucson Police Department received a 911 call from an out-of-state caller requesting a welfare check. The caller indicated that her brother had recently communicated suicidal and homicidal statements to her and she was concerned for his welfare and that of his girlfriend. She provided an address for her brother's residence. Officers from Operations Division East responded to the address and upon arrival, could hear a small child crying inside, but no one responded to knocks at the door. Officers entered the residence and immediately located an adult female and an adult male, both with apparent gunshot trauma. An approximately one-year old girl was also found inside, uninjured. The two adults were declared dead at the scene. They have been identified as **40-year old Misty Gale**, and **38-year old Thad Hall Jr.**, both of Tucson. Next of kin for both have been notified.

Tucson Fire Department Paramedics were immediately called to the scene. They examined the child, who was found to be uninjured and in good health. Child Protective Services is assisting with ensuring suitable short and long-term care arrangements are made for the child, who at this time is believed to be the couple's biological child.

Detectives from the Homicide Unit responded to the scene to continue the investigation. Based upon the initial stages of the investigation, including interviewing witnesses and examination of evidence at the scene, detectives are investigating this as a homicide-suicide situation. Detectives believe that Hall first shot Gale, who lived elsewhere, then turned the gun on himself. A weapon was recovered inside.

The Tucson Police Department encourages anyone with information about this tragic situation to call **911**, or **88-CRIME**.

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