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SHOOTING INVESTIGATION 1031 EAST BENSON HIGHWAY ***UPDATE – JULY 30, 2012***

The adult male shooting victim from this incident succumbed to his injuries while at the hospital and was pronounced deceased. He has been identified as **27-year old David Rodriguez**. Next of kin have been notified. The detectives continue working diligently to identify the suspect(s) and motive(s) of the crime. Anyone having information about the incident is asked to call **911 or 88-Crime**. Citizens can also submit a **text or web tip** utilizing the **TipSoft** program.

Sergeant Maria Hawke – July 30, 2012

On the afternoon of July 29, 2012, the Tucson Police Department began receiving 911 calls at approximately 2:11 p.m. from citizens advising that a shooting incident had occurred at the motel located at **1031 East Benson Highway**. Officers from Operations Division South responded to the motel complex, arriving within approximately 3 minutes. Upon arrival, the officers discovered that two victims, **an adult Hispanic male and an adult Caucasian female**, were suffering from obvious signs of trauma. Emergency medical personnel from the Tucson Fire Department also responded to the scene. They transported both the male and female to a local hospital. The male was suffering from life-threatening injuries. Additionally, there was indication that a vehicle might have collided with one of the motel buildings on the northern side of the complex. As a precaution due to the possibility of structural damage to the building, the officers evacuated the occupants (totaling 2 persons) from all rooms in the northern building.

Officers detained several adult males and females for investigative reasons. There were initial indications that at least one of the persons possibly involved in the incident had gang affiliations. As a result, detectives from the Gang Investigations Unit responded to further the investigation. Initial indications were that an altercation transpired between two groups in the northern parking lot area of the complex. The cause of the altercation is not yet known. However, several gunshots were fired in the northern parking lot area, and the victims were each struck.

The detectives continue their investigation in an effort to determine the motive(s) for and the suspect(s) involved in the incident. Anyone having information about the incident is urged to call **911 or 88-Crime**. Additionally, citizens can send anonymous text and web tips to the Tucson Police Department. Mobile phone users can provide anonymous crime

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tips to the Tucson Police Department, utilizing a new technology called **TipSoft**. The new program allows citizens to send anonymous tips online via iPhone or Android mobile apps. Additionally, they can send a text message to “CRIMES” (274637) beginning with the keyword “**TucsonPD**” from a mobile phone.

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