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### SUSPICIOUS DEATH INVESTIGATION 1240 WEST AJO WAY

At approximately 5:30 p.m. on January 31, 2012, the Tucson Police Department received a 911 call requesting a welfare check at an apartment at 1240 West Ajo Way. The anonymous caller indicated that they had not seen the adult female resident in approximately a month, and that there was a foul odor coming from the apartment. Officers from Operations Division South responded to the complex and made entry into the apartment. Inside officers discovered a body in an advanced state of decomposition. Officers noticed suspicious indicators that led them to believe that the victim had possibly not died of natural causes. The gender and age of the victim was not immediately apparent. Next of kin have not been notified.

Due to the circumstances, detectives from the Night Detectives Detail and the Homicide Unit responded to continue the investigation at the scene. Detectives began interviewing potential witnesses at the complex and examined the scene, searching for items of evidentiary value in an effort to determine what had occurred. Detectives located and detained a possible person of interest for further investigation. That person has not been charged at this time, and their connection to the death, if any, has not yet been established.

The investigation is ongoing.

The Tucson Police Department urges anyone with information about the resident at this apartment or about this incident to contact **911** or **88-CRIME**.

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