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SUSPICIOUS DEATH 8300 BLOCK OF EAST COOPER PLACE

At approximately 7:35 a.m. on October 26, 2011, the Tucson Police Department received a 911 call reporting a dead body found in an alley on the north side of the 8300 block of East Cooper Place. Officers from Operations Division East responded and were on scene within one minute and located obvious signs on trauma on the victim's body. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene. He has been identified as **34-year old Daniel Slankard**, of Tucson. Next of kin have been notified.

Detectives from the Homicide Unit and the Traffic Investigations Unit responded to the scene to conduct the follow-up investigation. With the assistance of the Pima County Office of the Medical Examiner, detectives have determined that the victim was most likely electrocuted. Evidence was found indicating that the victim had climbed a power pole in the alley, and then fell from the pole. The motive for the victim climbing the power pole is unknown at this time, and a ruling on the official cause of death is pending the results of an autopsy.

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