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### **HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION 1500 BLOCK OF WEST AJO WAY**

On June 29, 2022, just after 8:15 p.m., the Public Safety Communications Department received several 9-1-1 callers reporting a shooting in the 1500 block of W. Ajo Way. Officers from Operations Division South responded to an apartment complex and located an adult male victim with obvious signs of gunshot trauma. Officers attempted life-saving measures, using their Individual First Aid Kits (IFAKS) until Tucson Fire arrived. The victim was transported to Banner University Medical Center with life-threatening injuries. Shortly after arriving at the hospital, he was pronounced deceased. He has been identified as 28-year-old **Israel Gallardo**. Next of kin was notified of his passing.

Detectives from the Homicide Unit were contacted and responded to continue the investigation. Detectives learned that the victim was involved in a dispute within the complex. The argument continued into the courtyard, where a physical confrontation occurred, shots were fired, and the victim was struck. The suspects fled the area prior to police arriving at the scene.

Detectives believe there was a large gathering in the courtyard area when this occurred and are asking any with information to call 9-1-1 or 88-CRIME. You can remain anonymous. This investigation is ongoing, and updates will be provided as they become available.

#### **Homicides Year to Date:**

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