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HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION 1555 WEST VALENCIA ROAD

On June 11, 2021, just before 4:30 p.m., officers from Operations Division South were dispatched to the Circle K parking lot located at 1555 W. Valencia Rd. for a report of a shooting. Upon arrival, officers located an adult victim with obvious signs of gunshot trauma. Officers began immediately rendering aid using their Individual First Aid Kits (IFAK). Tucson Fire responded and took over lifesaving efforts. Despite these efforts the victim was pronounced deceased at the scene. He has been identified as 50-year-old **Jaime Tadeo-Avila**.

Detectives from the Homicide Unit responded to continue the investigation. Through interviews conducted by officers and detectives, it was learned that the suspect was parked when Mr. Tadeo-Avila was driving through the parking lot. Due to a heavy amount of vehicle traffic the victim and the suspect were involved in a near collision. As a result, the suspect parked next to Mr. Tadeo-Avila and discharged a firearm multiple times striking Mr. Tadeo-Avila. Mr. Tadeo-Avila's juvenile son was in the vehicle with him and sustained minor injuries from the shooting and was transported to University Medical Center. Next of kin has been notified.

Soon after the shooting occurred the suspect placed a call to 911 wanting to turn himself in. With the assistance of SWAT, the suspect was taken into custody. He has been identified as 26-year-old **Lazaro Enrique Villa**.

Ultimately, Villa was charged with 1st degree murder and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and was booked into the Pima County Jail. Mr. Villa's booking photo is attached below.

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