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HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION 1600 BLOCK OF WEST AJO WAY

The Tucson Police Department is investigating a fatal shooting that occurred yesterday evening on Tucson's South Side.

On August 10, 2020, just before 8:00 p.m. an adult female called 911 to report that her fiancé, **28-year-old Marco Orantez**, had just been shot outside of a residence in the 1600 block of West Ajo Way. The caller was driving Orantez to Banner University Medical Center (South) and advised that there were additional victims at the scene of the shooting. Officers immediately responded to the hospital and the residence. A shooting scene was located on Ajo, but no additional victims were found. Shortly after arriving at the hospital, Orantez succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased. Next of kin have been notified.

While officers were investigating the incident, they were advised that a second gunshot victim arrived at St. Mary's Hospital. The adult male victim was then transported to Banner University Medical Center (Main) with life-threatening injuries.

Homicide Detectives were called to continue the investigation. While being briefed on the incident, a third gunshot victim arrived at St. Mary's Hospital. The adult male victim was treated for serious, but non-life-threatening injuries. Officers at the hospital learned a fourth adult male victim was also there but was not injured.

After speaking with witnesses and two of the victims, detectives were able to determine the incident started over a neighbor dispute. Orantez and several of his friends were working on a car in front of his residence. Orantez' neighbor, **34-year-old Luis Tapia Jr.**, was upset about where Orantez and his friends parked the car and an argument ensued. During the argument, Tapia retrieved a handgun from his residence and began shooting at Orantez and his friends. Three of the four victims were struck by gunfire.

Officers were able to locate and detain Tapia at his residence. He was then interviewed by detectives and a search warrant was obtained for his home. Inside the home, detectives found the handgun they believe was used, along with an illegally modified shotgun. After processing the scene and conducting interviews, detectives arrested and booked Tapia into the Pima County Jail on one count of First-Degree Murder, three counts of Aggravated Assault w/a Deadly Weapon and one count of Weapons Misconduct. Tapia's booking photo is attached below.

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The investigation is ongoing. Detectives believe additional witnesses may have been present when the shooting occurred. They are asking anyone who witnessed the shooting or anyone with information to please call 88-CRIME. You can remain anonymous. Additional details will be released as they become available.



Luis Tapia Jr.

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