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HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION 2400 BLOCK OF NORTH EDITH BOULEVARD

*****UPDATE – August 21, 2021*****

Through continued efforts of investigators, a suspect was identified as 32-year-old **Leonard Bernard Black**. On August 20, 2021, detectives obtained a warrant for his arrest. Later that day, Tucson SWAT and officers from Operations Division Midtown and West/Community Response Teams located Leonard Black at an apartment complex in the 4600 block of E. 29th St. The suspect was taken into custody and interviewed by detectives. At the conclusion of interviews, Leonard Black was booked into the Pima County Jail for his 1st Degree Murder warrant. Attached below is his booking photo.

Detectives are asking anyone that may have additional information to come forward and call 88-CRIME. You can remain anonymous.



Leonard Bernard Black

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This morning, at approximately 5:30 a.m., officers from Operations Division Midtown were dispatched to a residence in the 2400 block of N. Edith Blvd. after receiving a 9-1-1 call. Upon arrival, officers located an adult male with obvious signs of sharp-force trauma. Medics from the Tucson Fire Department also arrived to assist and transported the male victim to Banner University Medical Center with life-threatening injuries. Shortly after arriving to the hospital, the victim succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased. The victim has been identified as 36-year-old **Roberto Valdez**. Next of kin has been notified.

Detectives from the Violent Crimes Unit were briefed and responded to continue the investigation. After conducting several interviews and processing the scene, detectives learned that Mr. Valdez was involved in a physical confrontation at the home with the suspect. Investigators believe this was not a random act and are currently following up on leads. Anyone with information is asked to call 911 or 88-CRIME. You can remain anonymous. Additional details will be released as they become available.

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