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HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION 3600 BLOCK OF EAST SPEEDWAY BOULEVARD

On August 11, 2021, just before 3:00 a.m., officers from Operations Division Midtown were dispatched to the report of a shooting in the 3600 block of E. Speedway Blvd. Upon arrival, officers located an adult male victim with obvious signs of gunshot trauma in the parking lot. Officers immediately began rendering aid using their Individual First Aid Kits (IFAK). Tucson Fire responded and took over lifesaving efforts and transported the victim to Banner University Medical Center. Shortly after arriving at the hospital, the victim was pronounced deceased. He has been identified as 29-year-old **Christopher Victor Romero**. Next of kin has been notified of his passing.

Detectives from the Homicide Unit responded to continue the investigation. Through interviews conducted by officers and detectives, it was learned that the suspect and Mr. Romero were known to each other. An altercation occurred in the parking lot and soon after gunfire was heard. The suspect had left the scene prior to officer's arrival.

While conducting the investigation, detectives were notified that the suspect had turned himself in to the Marana Police Department. Marana Police detained him until detectives arrived and interviewed him. He has been identified as 29-year-old **Salvador Ricardo Blancas**.

Ultimately, Blancas was charged with 2nd degree murder and was booked into the Pima County Jail. Mr. Blancas booking photo is attached below.



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