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HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION 400 BLOCK OF WEST COLUMBIA STREET

*****UPDATE – August 16, 2021*****

On August 14, 2021, detectives from the Homicide Unit were made aware that the passenger of the vehicle that was involved in the robbery and confrontation on Columbia was ready to be discharged from the hospital. He has been identified as 22-year-old **Raul Manuel Olivarria-Curiel**.

Detectives were able to obtain a warrant for 1st Degree Felony Murder during the time Olivarria-Curiel was receiving medical treatment. Olivarria-Curiel was booked into Pima County Jail on the 1st Degree Felony Murder warrant as well as the charges of Armed Robbery, Aggravated Robbery, Kidnapping, and Aggravated Assault. Attached is Olivarria-Curiel booking photograph.



Raul Manuel Olivarria-Curiel

Sergeant Richard Gradillas – August 16, 2021

On July 17, 2021, just after 4:00 a.m., officers from Operations Division South were dispatched to an unknown trouble call in the 400 block of W. Columbia St. Upon arrival, officers located an adult female who said she was robbed by three

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adult males. The three suspects were also involved in a confrontation with a person known to them at the same location prior to leaving the area in a vehicle.

As officers continued the investigation, a male called 911 at 4:42 a.m. reporting he had been shot before hanging up. Shortly after, a vehicle occupied by three males with obvious signs of gunshot trauma was located in the 6000 block of S. Belvedere Ave. The front seat passenger was pronounced deceased at the scene and has been identified as 22-year-old **Jose Manuel Lopez**. Next of kin has been notified of his passing. The driver and additional passenger were taken to Banner University Medical Center.

Detectives from the Homicide Unit were contacted and responded to continue the investigation. Detective learned that the three males inside the vehicle were involved in the robbery and confrontation on Columbia. The driver has been identified as 20-year-old **Jose Alexis Aguirre-Tirado**. Aguirre-Tirado was booked into Pima County Jail on the charges of 1st Degree Felony Murder, Armed Robbery, Aggravated Robbery, Kidnapping, and Aggravated Assault. The passenger continues to receive medical care and once he is released from the hospital he will be booked on the same charges as Aguirre-Tirado.

Details are extremely limited at this time and additional information will be released as it becomes available. Detectives are asking anyone with information to call 88-CRIME. You can remain anonymous.



Jose Alexis Aguirre-Tirado

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