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HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION 4400 BLOCK OF SOUTH 7TH AVENUE

On the night of July 23, 2021, just after 10:00 p.m., officers from Operations Division South were dispatched to a home in the 4400 block of S. 7th Ave. for a report of a shooting. Upon arrival, officers located a male victim in front of the home with obvious signs of gunshot trauma. Officers immediately began rendering aid and performed CPR. Tucson Fire Medics also arrived and continued rendering aid. Despite lifesaving efforts, the victim succumbed to his injuries and died at the scene. Officers identified the victim as 43-year-old **Ruben Chavarria Valenzuela**. Next of kin was notified.

Detectives from the Violent Crimes Unit were briefed on the incident and responded to continue the investigation. According to evidence and witness statements, detectives believe Mr. Valenzuela was standing outside visiting the home residents when he was struck by gunfire. At this time, investigators believe the shooting was not a random act and are actively pursuing leads. Anyone with information is asked to call 88-CRIME. You can remain anonymous. Additional details will be released as they become available.

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