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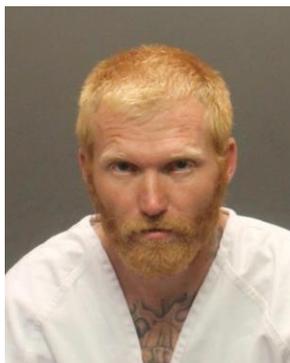
HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION 55 NORTH FIFTH AVENUE

On April 29, 2021, at approximately 11:30 p.m., officers from Operations Division West and the Downtown District were dispatched to an apartment complex located at 55 N. 5th Ave. for a report of a shooting. Upon arrival, officers located an adult male with gunshot trauma inside one of the apartments. Officers immediately began rendering aid until Tucson Fire personnel arrived and continued life-saving efforts. Sadly, the victim succumbed to his injuries and was declared deceased. The victim has been identified as 57-year-old **Andre Michael Lee**. Next of kin was notified.

Homicide Detectives were contacted and responded to continue the investigation. Detectives believe that Mr. Lee and the shooting suspect were initially involved in a verbal confrontation in the hallway of the apartment complex. During the confrontation, Mr. Lee was shot and the suspect fled from the area. Through interviews and evidence recovered at the scene, detectives were able to identify the suspect as 32-year-old **Joseph Paul Cavanagh**.

Hours later, at approximately 2:48 a.m., officers assigned to the West Division/Community Response Team located and detained Joseph Cavanagh in the area of E. Golf Link Rd. and S. Kolb Rd. Cavanagh was taken into custody without incident. Detectives obtained a search warrant and conducted follow-up interviews. Cavanagh was ultimately charged with 1st Degree Murder and 1st Degree Burglary, additional charges may be added at the conclusion of the investigation. He is currently being held in the Pima County Jail Adult Detention Complex.

The investigation is ongoing and detectives are asking anyone with information to call 88-CRIME. You can remain anonymous.



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