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HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION 6301 SOUTH PARK AVENUE

On July 8, 2021, just after 9:00 p.m., officers from Operations Division South were dispatched to the Quik Mart located at 6301 S. Park Ave. reference reports of a shooting. Upon arrival, officers located an adult male in the parking lot with obvious signs of gunshot trauma. Officers immediately began rendering aid utilizing their Individual First Aid Kits (IFAK). Tucson Fire Medics arrived on scene and continued rendering aid until the victim was ultimately transported to Banner University Medical Center. Despite lifesaving efforts at the hospital, the male succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased. The male was identified as 19-year-old **Carlos Valdez**. Next of kin has been notified.

Detectives with the Violent Crimes Unit were notified and responded to continue the investigation. Through interviews and evidence collected at the scene, investigators learned that Mr. Valdez was involved in a verbal confrontation in the parking lot with a group of individuals. During the altercation, shots were fired.

Details are limited at this time, but will be provided when they become available. Anyone with information is asked to call 88-CRIME. You can remain anonymous.

Homicides Year to Date:

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