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HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION 6608 SOUTH TUCSON BOULEVARD

The Tucson Police Department is investigating a fatal shooting that occurred yesterday morning on Tucson's South Side.

On September 6, 2020 at approximately 2:00 a.m., officers from Operations Division South were dispatched to a report of a shooting in the parking lot of 6608 South Tucson Boulevard (Christie's Cabaret). Gunfire was heard in the background during the 911 call. Pima County Sheriff Deputies were nearby and heard several shots being fired. Deputies then saw a vehicle leaving the parking lot of Christie's Cabaret at a high rate of speed. They attempted to stop the vehicle, but the driver did not pull over. Deputies pursued the vehicle until it eventually crashed in the 100 block of West Missouri Street. The driver then fled on foot but was quickly detained by the pursuing deputies. The driver was identified as **25-year-old Dimitri Romero**.

When officers arrived at the shooting scene, they learned multiple shots had been fired and that a large amount of people had already left the parking lot. A short time later, an adult male gunshot victim was dropped off at Banner University Medical Center South with life-threatening injuries. The victim was immediately transported to Banner University Medical Center Main but was pronounced deceased shortly after arrival. The victim was identified as **33-year-old Sean Rashad-Odell Howell**. Next of kin has been notified. The individuals who dropped the victim off at the hospital did not wait to speak with hospital staff or the police. A license plate number and description of the vehicle they were driving was given to investigating officers.

Detectives with the Gun Crime Reduction Unit and Street Crimes Interdiction Unit responded to continue the investigation. They were able to determine a verbal altercation occurred in the parking lot between Howell and Romero and several other individuals. During the argument, gang signs were thrown, and a physical fight ensued between Howell and Romero. Romero then produced a handgun and shot Howell. Additional shots were then fired from multiple people in the parking lot. At this time, no other injuries have been reported. Howell has known gang affiliations and the fight/shooting appears to have been gang related. The vehicle that took Howell to the hospital was located but it is unknown who was with him in the vehicle.

Dimitri Romero was booked into the Pima County Jail on charges of First-Degree Murder and Prohibited Possessor. His booking photo is attached below.

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This investigation is ongoing. Additional details will be released as they become available. Detectives are asking anyone with information to please call 88-CRIME. You can remain anonymous.



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