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HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION 8140 SOUTH HOUGHTON ROAD

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

On April 7, 2020, just after 4:30 p.m., officers from Operations Division East and members of the Tucson Fire Department were dispatched to the parking lot of 8140 S. Houghton Road (Northwest corner of S. Houghton Rd. & E. Rita Rd.) for a report of a shooting. Upon arrival, officers located an unresponsive male in the parking lot with obvious signs of gunshot trauma. Tucson Fire attempted to treat the male, however; he was pronounced deceased on scene shortly after their arrival. Responding officers also detained several people believed to be involved. The deceased male was identified as **18-year-old Tyler Thomas**. Next of kin has been notified.

Detectives with the Tucson Police Violent Crimes Unit responded to continue the investigation. After processing the scene and speaking with witnesses and those who were detained, detectives were able to determine two different groups of individuals met at the parking lot. The two groups know each other, but there is an on-going feud between them. Both groups got into a vehicle together and while seated, a struggle ensued. At least one individual from each group was armed and during the struggle shots were fired inside the vehicle. Tyler was struck multiple times by gunfire. Another individual in the vehicle was also struck by gunfire. His injuries were minor and he was not transported for treatment.

At this time, no arrests have been made. Detectives are continuing their investigation. Additional details will be released as they become available. There are no indications that this incident was gang related.

Detectives believe they have spoken with everyone involved, but are asking anyone with information to please call 88-CRIME. You can remain anonymous.

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