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HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION EAST 5TH STREET AND NORTH WILMOT ROAD

On July 1, 2022, at approximately 1:52 p.m., officers from Operations Division East responded to the intersection of E. 5th St. and N. Wilmot Rd. for the initial reports of a two-vehicle collision involving a Dodge truck and Kia Soul. Before officers arrived on the scene, witnesses observed an adult male exit the truck and left the area on foot. The first officer on the scene was a Community Service Officer (CSO), who located an unresponsive adult female in the truck with apparent signs of gunshot trauma. The female was transported to St. Joseph's Hospital with life-threatening injuries. Two occupants of the Kia were also transported to St. Joseph's Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Shortly after arriving at the hospital, the victim was pronounced deceased. She has been identified as 36-year-old **Jessica Garcia**. Next of kin was notified of her passing.

Additional officers arrived on the scene and set a perimeter, which allowed officers to locate the adult male in a nearby yard where he was detained. He has been identified as 45-year-old **Joseph Brandon Gourley**. Detectives from the Homicide Unit were contacted and responded to continue the investigation. Based on interviews and evidence collected at the scene, detectives learned that Mr. Gourley was driving the Dodge truck at the time of the collision. After the collision, Mr. Gourley was exiting the vehicle when he shot his girlfriend, Ms. Garcia, before leaving the scene.

Mr. Gourley was charged with 1st Degree Murder and is currently being held in Pima County Jail. Additional charges may be added at the conclusion of the investigation. Attached is the booking photograph of Mr. Gourley.



Joseph Brandon Gourley

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