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### HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION NORTH FREMONT AVENUE AND EAST WAVERLY STREET

#### \*\*\*UPDATE – May 12, 2021\*\*\*

Through further examination of forensic evidence, investigators developed probable cause to charge 18-year-old **Maurice Diaz-Casales** with 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Murder. On May 11, 2021, Homicide Detectives responded to the Pima County Jail, where Diaz-Casales was being held, and updated his charges. Diaz-Casales was initially arrested and booked into jail on May 6, 2021, after a brief vehicle pursuit with officers from Operations Division West.

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



Maurice Diaz-Casales

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Officer Francisco Magos – May 12, 2021

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**\*\*\*UPDATE – May 7, 2021\*\*\***

The Tucson Police Department has located the vehicle being sought in the fatal-shooting of 30-year-old **David Scott Anderson**.

On May 6, 2021, officers from Operations Division West received information from the community regarding a possible sighting of the vehicle. Patrol officers cordoned off the area where the vehicle was last seen; ultimately locating it traveling eastbound on Speedway Blvd. Patrol officers initiated a traffic stop north of Speedway Blvd. at N. Wilson Ave. The vehicle fled from officers and a pursuit was initiated. The pursuit continued through a residential area for approximately two miles until the vehicle collided into a retaining wall at N. Park Ave. and E. Grant Road. The four occupants attempted to run from officers, but were quickly apprehended.

Homicide Detectives were notified and responded to the scene. After conducting interviews and processing the vehicle, detectives identified the driver as 18-year-old **Maurice Diaz-Casales**. The additional occupants, all juveniles, were transported to the Pima County Juvenile Court Detention Center for outstanding warrants and narcotic offenses. Diaz-Casales was charged with Felony Flight from Law Enforcement and narcotic-related offenses. He was booked into Pima County Jail.

Detectives are actively continuing the homicide investigation, and additional details will be released as they become available. Investigators would like to thank our media partners and community members for their vital role and cooperation. Anyone with information is urged to call 911 or 88-CRIME. You can remain anonymous.

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**Officer Francisco Magos – May 7, 2021**

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**\*\*\*UPDATE – May 5, 2021\*\*\***

As Homicide Detectives continued their investigations they learned that prior to the shooting, Mr. Anderson was walking east on Linden St. from N. Park Ave. He then walked north on Fremont Ave. toward Waverly St. – where detectives believe Mr. Anderson was shot. Investigators were able to obtain surveillance video from the area. A white four-door passenger vehicle was in the immediate area near Mr. Anderson. Detectives are looking to speak with the occupant or occupants of the vehicle who may have information related to the shooting.

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Below are photographs of the vehicle that was seen in the area. Anyone with information is asked to call 88-CRIME. You can remain anonymous. Additional details will be released as they become available.



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Sergeant Richard Gradillas – May 5, 2021

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On May 1, 2021, just before 5:00 p.m., officers from Operations Division West were dispatched to a report of a shooting in the 1100 block of E. Waverly St. Officers located an adult male with obvious signs of gunshot trauma in the roadway and local residence rendering aid to the victim. Officers immediately took over rendering aid until Tucson Fire personnel arrived. The victim was transported to Banner University Medical Center with life-threatening injuries. Shortly after arriving at the hospital the victim succumbed to his injuries. He has been identified as 30-year-old **David Scott Anderson**. Next of kin was notified.

Detectives from the Violent Crimes Unit were notified and responded to continue the investigation. Several interviews were conducted and evidence was recovered at the scene. Detectives determined that Mr. Anderson had been walking in the area of N. Fremont Ave. and E. Waverly St. A short time later a gunshot was heard and Mr. Anderson was located in the roadway. Detectives are continuing the investigation and are seeking additional witnesses.

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