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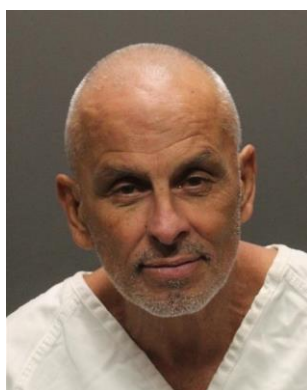
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HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION 1100 BLOCK OF EAST IRVINGTON ROAD

*****UPDATE – MAY 6, 2022*****

During the course of the investigation, Homicide Detectives developed probable cause to arrest 63-year-old **Michael Edward Aguilar** for murder. Detectives learned that Aguilar and the victim were in a previous relationship. Operations Division South/Community Response Team (ODS/CRT) were briefed by detectives and engaged in an active search for Aguilar. On the evening of May 5, 2022, ODS/CRT located the victim's vehicle at a property in the 1700 block of E. Bandana Lane, in the county. The TPD Air Unit and SWAT personnel were requested to assist in the service of a search warrant for the property – where Michael Aguilar was ultimately located in a mobile trailer. He was taken into custody without incident.

Homicide Detectives obtained additional trace evidence and charged Aguilar with 1st Degree Murder, Kidnapping, and Auto Theft. He was transported and booked into the Pima County Jail where he remains in custody.



Michael Edward Aguilar

Officer Francisco Magos May 6, 2022

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On May 2, 2022, just after 7:00 p.m., officers from Operations Division South were dispatched to a request for a check welfare in the 1100 block of E. Irvington Rd. Prior to police arriving, family members had entered the apartment and located 44-year-old **Christy Kaplowitch** with obvious signs of trauma. Officers arrived on the scene, and Ms. Kaplowitch was produced deceased. Next of kin was notified of her passing.

Detectives with the Homicide Unit were contacted and responded to continue the investigation. Details are extremely limited at this time, and additional information will be released as it becomes available. Ms. Kaplowitch's vehicle, a gray 2016 Ford Fiesta, Arizona license plate H4A5KF, was not located at the complex and has since been entered as stolen. There are no suspects in custody, and detectives are asking anyone with information to call 88-CRIME. You can remain anonymous.

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