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HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION 1600 BLOCK OF WEST COLONIAL HEIGHTS

On April 19, 2022, just before 11:00 p.m., officers from Operations Division South (ODS) were dispatched to a report of a shooting in the 1600 block of W. Colonial Heights, near Oaktree Park. Once they arrived, officers located a black passenger vehicle in the roadway. A male victim was located inside the vehicle with obvious gunshot trauma. A second male victim was also located at the scene, without injuries. Tucson Fire Department personnel arrived to the scene and pronounced the injured victim deceased. Officers have identified the victim as 18-year-old **Michael Valenzuela**. Next of kin has been notified.

TPD Homicide Detectives were briefed and responded to continue the investigation. Investigators located evidence at the scene and conducted several interviews. No suspects have been identified as of yet; however, detectives are actively following up on leads and are attempting to establish a motive behind the fatal shooting. Additional details are very limited but updates will be provided as they become available.

Detectives are urging anyone with information to come forward and call 9-1-1 or 88-CRIME, if they wish to remain anonymous.

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