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HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION 7100 BLOCK OF SOUTH 12TH AVENUE

On March 23, 2022, just after 3:30 a.m., the Public Safety Communications Department received a 9-1-1 call reporting a shooting in the 7100 block of S. 12th Ave. Officers from Operations Division South were dispatched along with paramedics from the Tucson Fire Department. Upon arrival, officers located two shooting victims near the roadway – an adult male and adult female. Despite life-saving efforts by officers and paramedics, both victims were pronounced deceased at the scene.

Officers identified the victims as 39-year-old **Celina R. Garcia** and 44-year-old **Rashad Laron Smith**. Next of kin were notified of their passing. Detectives from the Homicide Unit were briefed and responded to continue the investigation. The immediate scene was processed for evidence while detectives conducted several initial interviews in the area. The investigation is still very active and detectives are working to establish a motive at this time. Anyone who was in the area at the time of the shooting or with information related to the investigation is urged to call 9-1-1 or 88-CRIME anonymously. Additional updates will be provided as they become available.

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