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HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION 800 BLOCK OF WEST 18TH STREET

*****UPDATE – May 19, 2022*****

During the course of the investigation, TPD Homicide Detectives conducted numerous follow-up interviews, examined forensic evidence and served multiple search warrants – ultimately identifying the suspect in the murder of 70-year-old **Linda Marie Mendibles**. Detectives identified the suspect as 17-year-old **Fabian Kristyan Montiel**.

On May 18, 2022, detectives obtained an arrest warrant for Montiel for Murder. In a matter of hours, officers from Operations Division South/Community Response Team (ODS/CRT) located Montiel on Tucson's Southside. Officers from Operations Division West/Community Response Team (ODW/CRT), and TPD SWAT responded to the area and assisted in taking the suspect in to custody. Montiel was transported and booked into the Pima County Jail/Adult Detention Complex. He is currently being held on a \$1,000,000 bond for his warrant for 1st Degree Murder.



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On Wednesday, October 20, 2021, just after 9:30 a.m., the Public Safety Communications Department received a call requesting a welfare check near W. 18th St. and S. Frontage Rd. Officers from Operations Division West responded to the area and located an unresponsive female near the northwest corner of the intersection. Officers noted that the female had obvious signs of trauma and pronounced her deceased at the scene. Officers identified the victim as 70-year-old **Linda Marie Mendibles**. Next of kin was notified.

Detectives from the Homicide Unit were briefed and responded to continue the investigation. Investigators processed the scene for evidence and canvassed the area for possible witnesses. Detectives have confirmed that Ms. Mendibles sustained gunshot trauma. There are no suspects in custody at this time and detectives are asking anyone with information to call 911 or 88-CRIME. You can remain anonymous. Additional details will be released as they become available.

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