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HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION 3787 SOUTH 12TH AVENUE

On April 4, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., a shooting occurred at the shopping center located at 3787 S. 12th Ave. At the time, a TPD Sergeant was in the area, off-duty, and heard the shooting. The sergeant responded to the scene and began coordinating police response via his radio. Two victims, a male and female, were found with injuries. The adult female victim sustained minor injuries and was treated at the scene; however, the male victim sustained severe gunshot trauma. Officers from Operations Division South immediately began rendering aid until Tucson Fire personnel arrived and transported the victim to Banner University Medical Center – with life-threatening injuries.

Additional responding officers located several witnesses and conducted initial interviews. A description of the suspects was obtained and it was discovered that they fled in a vehicle prior to the officers' arrival. Detectives from the Violent Crimes Unit were contacted and responded to continue the investigation. After the scene was processed and interviews were completed, officers from Operations Division South/Community Response Team (ODS/CRT) were briefed to assist in the investigation.

Later that day, ODS/CRT located the suspect vehicle at a nearby residence and requested detectives to further the investigation. Investigators obtained a search warrant for the vehicle and were able to gather additional evidence. Additional interviews were conducted as well. Detectives identified the two suspects and found that the suspects and male victim knew each other.

On April 5, 2022, ODS/CRT located one of the suspects near S. 6th Ave. and Interstate-10, he was taken into custody with the assistance of TPD SWAT and K9 Units. The suspect was identified as 17-year-old **Arturo Hernandez**. The other suspect, 17-year-old **George Fuentes**, was also located later that day. Both were charged with Attempted 1st Degree Murder and two counts of Aggravated Assault/Deadly Weapon. Hernandez and Fuentes were transported and booked into the Pima County Jail while the victim continued receiving treatment for his injuries.

Detectives were notified on April 9th that the victim, 20-year-old **Emiliano Lugo**, succumbed to his injuries and passed away in the hospital. His family was notified of his passing. With the death of Mr. Lugo, detectives have amended Hernandez and Fuentes' charges to 1st Degree Murder.

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