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Homicide

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On July 17, 2009, at approximately 6:20 p.m., deputies from the San Xavier District responded to the 4400 blk. of E. Benson Hwy. in reference to an unknown problem. Upon arrival, deputies found a Hispanic male lying outside a residence suffering from a gunshot wound. They also discovered two additional suspects had fled in a dark colored van. The van was found traveling westbound on Valencia from I-10. A vehicle pursuit ensued which ended near Country Club and Irvington Road. The suspects were taken into custody and detained.

Through initial investigation, it was discovered that the dark colored van entered the 4400 blk. of E. Benson Hwy and two of the three suspects from the van entered a residence with weapons. The homeowner, his wife and their young child were inside the residence when the suspects entered. The suspects' pistol whipped the homeowner before removing items from the residence.

A neighbor hearing the commotion called 911 as the suspects were inside the residence. As the suspects exited the residence, another neighbor confronted them. The suspect began firing their weapons at the neighbor. The neighbor's son inside the residence witnessing the suspect's actions fired a weapon from the residence, hitting one of the suspects.

The wounded suspect left at the scene while the two other suspects left in the van. The injured suspect was transported to a local hospital where he later died from his injuries.

The Pima County Sheriff's Homicide Unit and the Robbery Assault Team responded to further investigate. No motive has been established. The name of the deceased is not being released at this time pending next of kin notification. At this time, the investigation continues.

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