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Homicide

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On June 2, 2009, at approximately 9:25 p.m., deputies from the Tucson Mountain District responded to a missing person(s) call in the 3700 blk. of N. Trico Road. Upon arrival, deputies made contact with a resident reporting that two individuals residing on the property were possibly missing. The couple was identified as Kenneth Alliman (DOB 08/12/59), and Rebecca Lou Lofton (DOB 09/08/56). Family members of the missing couple had become increasingly concerned they had not heard from their loved ones for over a week.

It was discovered through investigation that Michael Jonathon Carlson (DOB 06/21/56), was residing on the property on N. Trico Road after fleeing Texas in mid-May for a parole violation. On June 17, 2009, Mr. Carlson was arrested on charges of 1st Degree Murder for the October 1, 2003, in the homicide of his sister, Maria Thoma.

On June 22, 2009, at approximately 9:30 p.m., the Pima County Sheriff's S.W.A.T. Team assisted the Pima County Sheriff's Homicide Unit detectives in serving a search warrant on the N. Trico Road property. The warrant was obtained through continued investigation by detectives in the missing person's case.

On June 23, 2009, at approximately 9:30 a.m., Homicide Unit detectives discovered burned fragments of human remains in a fire pit located on the property. The Pima County Medical Examiner responded to verify that the remains were human.

At this time, detectives will work with the Office of the Medical Examiner to determine the identity of the victims. The investigation continues.

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