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Update – Shooting 49th and Townley

Glendale, Ariz. –Detectives involved in the investigation into the shooting which occurred at a residence in the area of 49th and Townley during a party in the early morning hours on October 20th, 2013, will be submitting the current findings of the investigation today to the Maricopa County Attorney's Office for review.

That night, investigators believe a verbal altercation occurred between 27 year old Manuel Loreto and another partygoer. Loreto was asked to leave the party. After a short time, he returned with an assault type rifle and began firing rounds off outside the residence in close proximity of several partygoers. Investigators believe Loreto also pointed his weapon at partygoers. One of the partygoers, 39 year old James Rakes, displayed and discharged a handgun, striking Loreto during the incident. Manuel Loreto was later declared deceased on October 24th at a local valley hospital as result of injuries sustained during the shooting.

From what investigators have gathered so far in the way of interviews and evidence on scene, Rakes fired his handgun once during the incident. Rakes was interviewed and released by detectives. As a matter of standard practice, the report is being submitted to the Maricopa County Attorney's Office for review and the determination on any appropriate charges related to the possibility of a self-defense issue.

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