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Update - Glendale Police Release Names and Information on Homicide Investigation from 6500 W. Orange Avenue

GLENDALE, Ariz. – Just after 3:30 AM, on the morning of January 30, 2016, Glendale Police received 911 calls of shots fired at a residence in the 6500 block of W. Orange Drive. On arrival, officers found a large group of teens and young adults at a party. Officers located five teens / young adults struck by gunfire; three of those subjects were down with life threatening injuries. Lifesaving efforts were performed, and all five subjects were treated at the scene by paramedics. The three treated with life threatening injuries were declared deceased at the scene. The two other subjects struck by gunfire, a 15 year old female and a 19 year old male, were transported to local valley hospitals with non-life threatening injuries.

Glendale Police homicide detectives assumed the investigation. The investigation revealed a large party with teens and young adults was occurring at the residence. At some point, approximately five Hispanic males got into a verbal altercation inside the home with partygoers. They were asked to leave the party due to their behavior inside the home. As they exited the home, they continued to engage in a verbal altercation with partygoers in the front yard. There were partygoers in the front yard and inside the home. Witnesses told police the five Hispanic males, appearing to be in their late teens to early twenties, got into a white, older model four door sedan. They drove down the street and turned around. As they drove back past the home, gunfire came from the vehicle and struck several teens and young adults that were outside and inside the home. It is still unknown at this time how many shooters there were. The vehicle fled the scene at a high rate of speed before police arrival. The suspects and the vehicle were not located.

The three victims struck by gunfire and declared deceased at the scene were 19 year old Sean Marquez of Glendale, 19 year old Jose Aguirre-Martinez of Scottsdale and a 16 year old resident of Phoenix. The name of the third victim will not be released due to his juvenile status. The two victims struck by gunfire with non-life threatening injuries, a 15 year old female and 19 year old male, located by police at the scene, have been released from the hospital. Since the shooting occurred, three additional victims that were at the party have come forward to detectives. Two 17 year old males and a 16 year old male were also struck by gunfire as the suspect vehicle fled the scene. They left the scene prior to police arrival. Their injuries were non-life threatening, and they sought medical attention on their own. That brings the total number of victims struck by gunfire to eight.

Glendale Police detectives have been diligently working the case and following up on leads. They are still attempting to locate the five Hispanic male suspects and the suspect vehicle. Evidence leads detectives to believe there was more than one shooter that evening. There is no additional information to add reference the description of the vehicle and the suspects. Evidence also leads detectives to believe there were approximately 80 to 100 teens and young adults at the party, and many left prior to police arrival. Detectives believe there are individuals out there that may have information that can help solve this case. They are asking for those individuals to come forward, and they are asking for the public's assistance in identifying the suspects responsible for this shooting. If you have any information that might help detectives solve this case, please contact Glendale Police at 623-930-3000 or Silent Witness at 480-WITNESS.

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