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*****NEWS RELEASE*****

April 25, 2022

VPD Report Number: 22-033344

Date/Time Occurred: 4-23-2022 at 0006hrs

Type of Incident: Homicide

Location: Sowell / Howard

Name of Business (if applicable):

N/A

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Giovanni Castaneda

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Yes

Details: On 4-23-2022 at 0006 hours, officers were dispatched to the area of Sowell and Howard regarding shots fired. Upon arrival officers found an adult male in the roadway suffering from gunshot wounds. The male was pronounced deceased at the scene. The Violent Crimes Unit and Crime Scene Investigation Unit were called out and took over the investigation. Anyone with information about this crime is urged to contact Detective Rob Meier at (559) 713-4211. Those wishing to remain anonymous can contact the Anonymous Tip-Line at (559) 713-4738.

****UPDATE****

The victim in this case has been identified as Michael Montoya, 19 years of age.

During the investigation, Giovanni Castaneda, 21 years of age, was identified as a suspect in the crime and was arrested on suspicion of homicide. The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information is urged to contact Detective Rob Meier at (559) 713-4211. Those wishing to remain anonymous can contact the Anonymous Tip-Line at (559) 713-4738.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol / Violent Crimes / C.S.I. **Supervisor:** Sergeant Moffett

