Sheriff’s Detectives Investigating A Double Homicide

On January 8, 2009, at about 3:20pm, Travis County Sheriff’s Deputies were called to 13021 Dessau Road, Lot # 50, concerning a shooting. Upon arrival the deputies found two men who had been shot multiple times.

One of the men, identified as;

Jesus Hernandez Nieto, AKA “Jessie”, Date of Birth 1-20-1978, of Austin, was pronounced deceased at the scene at 3:38pm. The other victim, identified as;

Mikiyas Mekonen, AKA “Miki”, Date of Birth 1-7-1988, was transported to University Medical Center at Brackenridge in very critical condition but he succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased at 4:41pm.

Detectives have determined that this incident is drug related due to the fact that a large amount of marijuana was found in the residence during their search for evidence.

According to a witness two black males were seen driving up to the residence just after 3pm in a small, black, “newer looking,” 4 door, Sports Utility Vehicle. One of the men, described as wearing a black hat, red shirt, and black pants, exited the vehicle and walked into the residence. A short time later the witness heard gunshots and the vehicle left the scene in a hurry.

Anyone with information is asked to call Detective Craig Smith, at 512-854-3425, or Crime Stoppers at 472-TIPS (8477).

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