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Homicide Investigation Update

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Gresham, Ore.— Detectives are continuing their investigation into a disturbance that resulted in a fatal shooting on Thursday evening. Gresham Police responded to a report of a disturbance near the intersection of SE Orient Dr. and SE Anderson Rd. shortly before 10 p.m. A person, later identified as 34-year-old Austin Brand of Damascus, had been involved in multiple physical confrontations in that area. Brand was shot during the final confrontation. Arriving officers rendered medical assistance, but Brand died at the scene.

Investigators with the Gresham Police Department and the East County Major Crimes Team have been interviewing witnesses, collecting evidence, and reviewing video of the incident. Detectives have contacted the subjects involved in the various altercations and the subsequent shooting. “This is a complex investigation,” said Detective Adam Wright. “We are still reviewing the actions of those involved to determine whose actions were criminal and if any were justifiable self-defense.” When the investigation is completed, it will be reviewed by the Multnomah County District Attorney’s Office.

Detectives believe members of the public may have had contact with Brand in the Damascus area on Thursday evening. Police are asking anyone who had contact with Brand or witnessed the disturbances to call the Gresham Police Department tip line at 503-618-2719.

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