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PASADENA FATAL SHOOTING

Pasadena, CA – On March 19, 2024, at 10:23 AM, officers from the Pasadena Police Department responded to the 900 block of North Hudson Avenue regarding a “Shots Fired” call. When officers arrived, a witness confirmed a shooting had just occurred and identified an adult male standing in a nearby driveway as the shooter. Officers contacted the suspect and detained him without incident.

As officers were detaining the suspect, additional officers entered the residence associated with the driveway and located an adult male down suffering from a gunshot wound. The male was unconscious and unresponsive. Pasadena Fire Department paramedics responded and performed life-saving measures. Paramedics transferred the victim to the hospital in grave condition.

The victim was identified as *55-year-old Charles Johnson*, a Pasadena resident.

Detectives from the Pasadena Police Department’s Robbery / Homicide Unit (RHU) responded to the crime scene to commence immediate follow-up investigation.

RHU served a search warrant at the location and recovered multiple firearms. The shooting occurred between relatives during a family disturbance.

The suspect was identified as 38-year-old *Christopher Thomas Harris*, a Pasadena resident. The suspect was booked at the Pasadena Police Department Jail for Penal Code 664-187 (Attempted Homicide).

On March 21, 2024, the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office declined to file criminal charges, citing the suspect’s self-defense claim could not be disproven beyond a reasonable doubt.

On March 21, 2024, Johnson died from his gunshot wound.

Anyone with information about this case is encouraged to call the Pasadena Police at (626) 744-4241 or report information anonymously by contacting "Crime Stoppers" at (800) 222-TIPS (8477), via your smartphone by downloading the "P3 Tips" Mobile APP on Google Play or the Apple App Store, or by using the website <http://lacrimestoppers.org>.

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