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CMHU Investigation Update, W. Indiana Shooting

St. Joseph County –This morning at approximately 1:12 a.m., South Bend Police Department officers were dispatched to a club at 1024 W. Indiana Ave in reference to shots fired (formerly known as Elva's Fiesta Club). Upon arrival, officers discovered one male, deceased, suffering from apparent gunshot wounds. That individual has been positively identified as Tolies Word, Jr., 35 years old (M/B, from South Bend).

A second individual was taken to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries, and has since been released. He has been identified as Brandon McKinney, 32 years old (M/B, from South Bend).

The St. Joseph County Metro Homicide Unit (CMHU) was activated, per protocol, to handle the investigation. CMHU interviewed multiple people who were at the club. This remains an active and on-going investigation, and no arrests have been made at this time. An autopsy is scheduled for Mr. Word on Monday, November 27th in Fort Wayne, IN (time TBD). We will notify media of the autopsy results after its completion.

Numerous people were in the club at the time the incident occurred. CMHU is asking anyone with information regarding this investigation to call CMHU at 235-5009 or Crime Stoppers at 288-STOP.

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