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Just before 1:00 A.M. Thursday morning, October 3, 2024, deputies of the Valencia County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a gunshot wound victim at a residence located on the 4000 block of Short Street in Los Chavez. Upon arrival deputies confirmed that a 17-year-old male resident had been shot and was unresponsive. Deputies initiated CPR until the Valencia County Fire Department arrived on scene and took over life saving measures. The patient later succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased on scene. Initial information gathered on scene indicated that the two twin brothers were together when a single gunshot occurred resulting in the injury.

Deputies secured the crime scene and Short Street is currently closed pending scene processing. Sheriff's detectives have secured a search warrant for the premises and evidence collection efforts are underway. The Office of the Medical Investigator was contacted and a representative was dispatched. The New Mexico State Police Crime Scene Processing Unit responded to the location to assist our detectives. The Children's Youth and Families Division was also contacted to help coordinate with the Sheriff's Office for additional children that were located in the home. This is an ongoing and active crime scene. Additional updates will be provided as the investigation continues throughout the day.

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UPDATE

At approximately 5:30 P.M. on Thursday October 3, 2024, investigators with the Valencia County Sheriff's Office (VCSO) completed the crime scene processing. Noblin's Funeral Home was requested and removed the juvenile decedent to the Office of the Medical Investigator (OMI) for further analysis. The initial steps of the investigation were completed and the Juvenile Probation and Parole Office (JPPO) was consulted. A juvenile statement of probable cause was completed and the decedent's 17-year-old twin brother was placed under arrest on charges of involuntary manslaughter. VCSO personnel collaborated with the Children's Youth and Families Division (CYFD) and a safety plan was enacted in which two additional children from the home were placed in the care of extended family members. The Sheriff's Office would like to thank the New Mexico State Police Crime Scene Processing Unit for their assistance with evidence collection. We would also like to give special thanks to the 13th Judicial District Attorney's Office for their collaboration and support. VCSO is asking that anyone who was present or has information about this incident to contact Detective Kadin Shain at (505) 866-3345.

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