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Detectives seek assistance in locating suspect in north Salem motel homicide

UPDATE July 8, 2021

Salem, Ore. — Salem Police detectives have identified Antonio Julian Soto as the suspect in the shooting death of Davontae Deshawn Smith at the Capital Inn on June 8, 2021.

Soto fled the scene after the shooting. A warrant for the charge of murder has been issued, and detectives ask for the public's help in locating him.

Soto is a Hispanic male, 32 years of age. His physical description is as follows:

- 6-feet in height
- Black hair
- Hazel eyes and is known to wear glasses as shown in the images
- 245 pounds in weight

There is a possibility the suspect is in the state of Washington. The gun used in the shooting has not been recovered. Soto should be considered armed and dangerous.

Anyone with information on Soto's whereabouts should contact their local police department or call the Salem Police Tips Line at 503-588-8477.

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Update June 11, 2021

Detectives have identified the victim in the homicide from June 8, 2021 as Davontae Deshawn Smith, age 21, of Portland. His next of kin have been notified.

Detectives are still investigating the incident and continue to ask the public for information regarding the incident.

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Original press release issued June 8, 2021

Salem, Ore. — Patrol officers responded to a call of shots fired at the Capital Inn on Fisher Road NE at 3:30 a.m. this morning, Tuesday, June 8, 2021.

Arriving officers found one person deceased. Detectives are on scene conducting the investigation. No further details are available for release at this time.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call the Salem Police Tips Line at 503-588-8477.

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Actualización el 8 de julio de 2021

Salem, OR — Los detectives del Departamento de Policía de Salem han identificado a Antonio Julian Soto como el sospechoso en la muerte por disparos de Davontae Deshawn Smith en el motel Capital Inn el 8 de junio de 2021.

Soto huyó de la escena después del tiroteo. Se ha emitido una orden de detención para Soto con el cargo de asesinato y los detectives piden la ayuda del público para localizarlo.

Soto es un hombre hispano de 32 años. Su descripción física es la siguiente:

- 6 pies de altura
- Cabello negro
- Ojos de color avellana y se sabe que usa gafas como se muestra en las imágenes
- 245 libras de peso

Existe la posibilidad de que el sospechoso se encuentra en el estado de Washington. El arma utilizada en el tiroteo no ha sido recuperada. Soto debe ser considerado armado y peligroso.

Cualquier persona con información sobre dónde se encuentra Soto debe comunicarse con su agencia de policía local o llame a la línea de información confidencial del departamento de policía de Salem al 503-588-8477. Puede dejar su mensaje en inglés o español con confianza.

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