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UPDATE: Homicide

UPDATE: The victim in this morning's homicide has been positively identified as 23-year old Samantha Miranda of New Braunfels and next of kin has been notified. New Braunfels Police are grateful for the outpouring of information from the community that led to her identification. Detectives are continuing the homicide investigation, and are still seeking tips. Please call Crime Stoppers at 830-620-TIPS (8477).

ORIGINAL RELEASE: On May 21, 2015, at approximately 12:45am New Braunfels Police were dispatched to the 900 block of I-35 south along the southbound access road for reports of shots fired. Officers arrived and found a deceased Hispanic female suffering from a fatal gunshot wound, lying on the sidewalk in front of LoneStar Fiberglass Pools.

New Braunfels Police detectives were called to the scene and immediately began investigating the case as a homicide. At this time, the victim has not yet been identified, so detectives are seeking the public's help in identifying her. She is described as an Hispanic female, in her 20's or 30's, with dark hair, brown eyes, a tattoo of the word "Elijah" on the inside of her right wrist, and a star-shaped tattoo on her neck behind her left ear.

At this point no arrests have been made in this case and this is an ongoing investigation, so no further information will be released at this time.

Anyone with information on the identity of the victim should contact New Braunfels Police Detective Richard Groff directly at 830-221-4167.

If you have information about the ongoing homicide investigation, call NBPD or leave an anonymous tip with Comal County Crime Stoppers, which is offering a reward of up to \$2000 for information that leads to an arrest and/or grand jury indictment. To remain anonymous and to collect the reward, contact Crime Stoppers at 830-620-TIPS (8477), leave a tip online at <http://comalcrimestoppers.org/>, or text a tip by texting "Comal" plus your message to CRIMES (274637).

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