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On Friday, December 3, 2021 at about 0225 hours, the Allen County Coroner's Office was contacted and notified of a shooting investigation located in the 700 block of Cumberland Avenue, Fort Wayne, Indiana. The Fort Wayne Police Department was dispatched to the scene reference a man down investigation. Two individuals were found suffering from gunshot wounds. Three Rivers Ambulance Authority medics arrived on scene and pronounced death.

The deceased have been positively identified and autopsies have been completed. The next of kin have been notified of the deaths.

The deceased are identified as Brendan Steave Cole, male hispanic 19 years of age, from Fort Wayne, Indiana. Cause of Death is Multiple Gunshot Wounds and the Manner of Death is Homicide. Brendan Steave Cole is the 42nd Homicide in Allen County for 2021.

Juan Jose Ramirez, Jr. male hispanic 16 years of age, from Ypsilanti, Michigan. Cause of Death is Multiple Gunshot Wounds and the Manner of Death is Homicide. Juan Jose Ramirez, Jr. is the 43rd Homicide in Allen County for 2021.

This remains under investigation by the Fort Wayne Police Department, the Allen County Prosecutors Office and the Allen County Coroner's Office.

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