



SANTA ANA POLICE DEPARTMENT



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SAPD COLD CASE UNIT SOLVES 1991 HOMICIDE

On 5-5-1991, SAPD Homicide detectives investigated the shooting death of Gonzalo Mendoza, a 24 year-old, Santa Ana resident. Detectives had a named suspect in the case; however, it went cold when the suspect fled the country.

January 2007, the SAPD Cold Case Unit was formed and began actively investigating cold homicide cases. Given the amount of evidence available in this case, detectives began re-interviewing witnesses and examining the evidence. The suspect was also located back in the country and a pre-complaint warrant was issued for the arrest of Jesus Gillermo Batiz Rosales.

Rosales was arrested on 5-13-08 in the city of Santa Ana and is awaiting murder charges by the Orange County District Attorney's office. This is the sixth case that has been cleared by arrest by the Santa Ana Police Department Cold Case Homicide Unit.

Available to the media:

- Interview opportunities
- Booking photo

For Additional Information, contact the PIO, Corporal Jose Gonzalez.

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