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U.S. Marshals Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force Arrest Santa Ana's "Most Wanted" Gang Homicide Suspect

Members of the U.S. Marshals Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force, Deputy United States Marshals from the District of Oregon and detectives from the Santa Ana Police Department arrested a man wanted in connection with the July 17, 2006 murder of a young Santa Ana man last night in Coos Bay, Oregon.

Inocente Secundino Jr. (age 24) was arrested at approximately 5:00 pm last night by a multi-agency team of law enforcement officers, based on a joint investigation conducted by the Santa Ana Police Department and the U.S. Marshals Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force. The Santa Police Department believe that on July 17, 2006, an argument broke out between Steven Christopher Arreguin and Inocente Secundino Jr. The verbal argument escalated and ultimately ended when Secundino shot and killed Arreguin.

Shortly after the murder, an arrest warrant was issued for Secundino and he was placed on the Santa Ana Police Department's "Most Wanted" list. Over the course of the past year and a half, members of the Task Force, working in close coordination with the Santa Ana Police Department's Gang Homicide Unit followed up on numerous investigative leads in an effort to find and arrest Secundino. Investigators followed up on leads in the United States as well as Mexico.

Recently, task force investigators developed information through various sources that indicated Secundino was hiding out in Oregon. As Deputy Marshals in Oregon began to refine and confirm the information, task force members boarded a flight to Coos Bay, Oregon and joined forces with the deputies there. Secundino was ultimately located at an apartment complex in Coos Bay, Oregon where he had assumed a new identity. Secundino is currently incarcerated at the Coos Bay County Jail where he will be housed pending extradition back to California.

Chief Inspector Tom Hession, Task Force Commander of the Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force, applauded the work of the Detectives from the Santa Ana Police Department and Deputy US Marshals for their hard work, persistence and most importantly their exemplary cooperation.

Chief Paul M. Walters stated, "The tireless work by Santa Ana Gang Homicide detectives and the U.S. Marshals Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force illustrates their commitment to safeguarding our communities. This arrest brings closure to the victim's family and also safeguarded another community outside of California."

Available to the media: Interview opportunities with the PIO and booking photo of suspect.

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