UPDATE WITH ARREST - Shooting – Homicide

07/23/2014

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Contact: Commander Darin Schindler, 805-339-4341

Location: Ventura River Bottom West of Ventura County Fairgrounds

Date/Time of Press Release: July 23, 2014

Date/Time Of Incident: July 31, 2013 10:22 p.m.

Officer(s) Involved: VPD Patrol & Detectives

Victim(s): Gabriel Gutierrez, 2-4-95, Ventura resident

Suspect(s):

UPDATE:

Erick Estrada 8-31-88, Ventura resident

Timothy Adams 1-7-96, Ventura resident

SUSPECT INFORMATION FROM ORIGINAL PRESS RELEASE

#1: Hispanic Male, Late Teens, Black Hooded Sweatshirt, Jeans

#2: Hispanic Male, Late Teens, White T-shirt, White/Black checkered Shorts

Report #: 13-8683

Narrative:

UPDATED INFORMATION

Ventura Police Investigators have identified the two suspects in this homicide. Homicide charges were filed with the Ventura County DA's Office on July 2nd, 2014 and arrest warrants were subsequently issued in Ventura County Superior Court for both suspects on the charges of 187(a) PC (Homicide) and 186.22 PC (Gang Enhancement).

During the investigation VPD investigators learned that one of the suspects, Timothy Adams, had fled the country shortly after the homicide but that he had recently returned and was hiding with relatives in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Ventura Police worked with Idaho and Federal Authorities in an attempt to locate Adams. Adams was located and arrested leaving his father's residence in Idaho Falls by the US Marshall's Office and Idaho Falls Police on July 14th, 2014. He is currently awaiting extradition back to Ventura County to stand charges for the homicide.

On July 22nd, 2014 VPD Investigators contacted Erick Estrada at the Ventura County Jail, where he was already in custody for another unrelated attempted homicide with a firearm, and arrested him for the homicide.

The Narrative from the original release follows:

Narrative

On the above date and time the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a call reference a gunshot victim in the area of the Ventura River Bottom on the west side of the Ventura County Fairgrounds. Patrol Officers located the victim and determined he was suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene.

Investigators learned the victim and the suspects were walking in the area of the bike path near the Ventura River and got into a physical altercation. At one point during the fight, the victim was shot. The suspects fled the area and were last seen running northbound along the Ventura River towards West Main St.

The investigation into this incident is ongoing. Anyone with information related to this incident is urged to call Detective Casey Sutherland at 805-339-4467. You can also make an anonymous call to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS. If your information leads to an arrest, you could receive a cash reward of up to $1,000.