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FRESNO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DETECTIVES MAKE ARREST ON HOMICIDE OF TAXICAB DRIVER

Sheriff Richard Pierce announced today that Fresno County Sheriff's Detectives arrested two suspects responsible for the homicide of "INDIO CAB CO" taxicab driver, Rumualdo Arrole Estrada.

A Crime Stoppers tip led investigators to the suspects identified as **JAMES CARLOS SANCHEZ**, age 29, and **PAUL DOTSON**, age 46, both of Fresno.

During the month long investigation, Detectives gathered evidence associating Dotson to an armed Robbery that occurred in November of 2002, in Kern County. The Robbery occurred inside a restaurant bathroom located off of Interstate 5. Fresno and Kern County Sheriff's Detectives obtained an arrest warrant in Kern County for Dotson as a result of excellent teamwork.

On January 23, 2003, Fresno Sheriff's Homicide Detectives, with the assistance of the Multi-Agency Gang Enforcement Consortium (M.A.G.E.C.) served a search warrant at Dotson's southeast Fresno residence. During the search of Dotson's residence, firearms and drug paraphernalia were found. Dotson was arrested on the Kern County arrest warrant for Robbery and gun possession charges as a result of the search. A secondary search after the initial search revealed additional firearms that belonged to Dotson.

On January 28, 2003, M.A.G.E.C. Officers arrested James Sanchez for an outstanding traffic warrant at Dotson's residence. After being interviewed, he was arrested for the Murder and Robbery of Rumualdo Estrada.

On January 29, 2003, Dotson was also arrested for the Murder and Robbery of Rumualdo Estrada.

Sheriff's Detectives John Ciaccio and Sergio Toscano feel there are several people in the community who may have information pertaining to this homicide case or other cases involving these suspects. They encourage anyone with information to contact them at 488-3111 or Crime Stoppers at 498-STOP.