



**Fresno County Sheriff's Office**  
**Margaret Mims, Sheriff** **May 29, 2008**  
**News Release**

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**MEDIA ADVISORY: Mary Padilla Murder Update**

Fresno County Sheriff Margaret Mims is asking for the public's help in locating a subject wanted for questioning in the murder of Mary Padilla earlier this month.

Detectives would like to speak with Padilla's boyfriend, 24 year old Lorenzo Sepulveda. Sepulveda is described as Hispanic, 5-8/190 pounds with brown hair and brown eyes. He has several tattoos including "GSL" on his throat.

Sepulveda has a no bail arrest warrant for parole violations and is considered a person of interest in Padilla's death.

Sepulveda is from Sanger. However, he may be in the Los Angeles area as he is a known "Grape Street" sureno gang member. Grape Street is a street gang in the Los Angeles area.

Mary Padilla's body was found on May 17<sup>th</sup> in the back yard of a residence located at 5500 block of W. Shields Ave. She was last seen in the company of Sepulveda on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

An acquaintance of Sepulveda, Alex Harwell, was arrested this past Saturday in Sanger. The Fresno County District Attorney's Office has filed murder charges against Harwell and he is currently in custody at the Fresno County Jail.

Anyone with information on Sepulveda's whereabouts, or any other aspect of this case, is asked to contact detective Mark Eaton at 488-3922, the Fresno County Sheriff's Office at 488-3111, or CrimeStoppers at 498-STOP(7867).