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Murder Suspect Transported from Oregon Jail to Fresno County Jail

On January 21st, Fresno County Sheriff's homicide detectives booked Gary Poole, 64, of Fresno into the Fresno County Jail. He faces felony charges of murder and drug possession.

*****Photo of the suspect included*****

Poole was arrested for murdering Gary Stauff on April 10, 2014. The two men were cell mates at the Fresno County Jail during the time of this crime. Immediately after Stauff's death, an extensive investigation began, which required a collaborative effort between FSO detectives and Coroner's Office. A coroner's report was needed in order for the District Attorney's Office to be able to file the case. A forensic pathologist later determined Stauff died due to ligature strangulation. The completion of the final report allowed an arrest warrant to be issued for Poole. Detectives recently learned Poole was an inmate at the Yamhill County Jail in Oregon and was scheduled to be released on January 10th. Detectives arrested Poole on January 8th and later had him transported to Fresno.

Anyone with additional information about Gary Poole should call the Fresno County Sheriff's Office dispatch center at (559) 600-3111 or Crime Stoppers at (559) 498-STOP (7687). You will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward.

