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Detectives Arrest Man Responsible for Murder in Huron

Homicide detectives with the Fresno County Sheriff's Office have booked Ignacio Sanchez, 34, of Huron into the Fresno County Jail. He faces a charge of murder. Sanchez is also a convicted felon who is part of AB109.

Around midnight on July 10th, 2016, Huron Police officers responded to 36700 S. Lassen regarding a physical disturbance. While driving to the call, dispatchers received a second call stating that there was a man lying on the ground of a store parking lot across the street from the original call. When officers arrived, they located David Lemus, 19, of Hanford lying on the ground with a gunshot wound. Lemus was transported to Coalinga Hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

The Huron Police Department requested that the Fresno County Sheriff's Homicide Unit take over the investigation. Detectives responded and began to work on leads, conduct interviews and track down surveillance video. Detectives used these resources to identify Ignacio Sanchez as the shooter. Detectives contacted Sanchez at the Fresno County Jail, where he was being held on an unrelated charge, and arrested him on a murder charge. Sanchez is a documented gang member from Huron. It's unclear whether this murder was gang-related. The motive continues to be investigated.

The case has been submitted to the Fresno County District Attorney's Office, who has filed murder charges against Sanchez.

Anyone with any additional information on this case is asked to call Detective Jose Mora at 559-600-8205, Detective Juan Galindo at 559-600-8215 or Crime Stoppers at 559-498-STOP (7867). You will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward.