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Suspect Arrested in Yorba Linda Cold Case Homicide

SANTA ANA, Calif. - (May 14, 2014) – On Sunday, May 11, 2014 Orange County Sheriff’s investigators arrested Paulino Olmos Gonzalez, 48, on charges of murder in connection with a 1991 homicide that occurred in the city of Yorba Linda. Gonzalez was identified as a suspect following a recent re-examination of DNA evidence collected and stored at the time of the initial investigation. Following the DNA match, Gonzalez was located in federal custody in the state of Texas serving a federal sentence.

On November 3, 1991, Gonzalez is alleged to have been involved in the shooting death of Salvador Murillo, 50, in a rural area of Yorba Linda comprised of orange groves and oil wells. Murillo died of an apparent gunshot wound and his death was determined to be a homicide. Responsibility for the investigation was transferred last year from the Brea Police Department when Yorba Linda began contracting the Sheriff’s Department for police services.

On Sunday, May 11, 2014, Sheriff’s Department Investigators flew to Texas and extradited Gonzalez to Orange County. He was booked into the Orange County Jail and being held without bail. Gonzalez is scheduled to appear in court today, May 14, 2014.