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ARREST MADE IN STABBING DEATH

RIVERSIDE, CA – On February 20, a 23 year old suspected gang member was arrested in the stabbing death of 27 year old Paul Mungia, a Perris resident. Anthony Jacob Lopez, a transient, was located at a residence in Norco by members of the Police and Corrections Team (PACT) along with members of Inland Regional Apprehension Team (IRAT).

Detectives from the Robbery / Homicide Unit interviewed Lopez and later arrested and booked him at the Robert Presley Detention Center for murder. The Riverside County District Attorney has charged Lopez with murder, assault with a deadly weapon. Lopez is also being charged with a gang enhancement. He remains in the custody of the Sheriff.

On February 10, at 1725 hours, a patrol officer saw a vehicle driving erratically on Magnolia Avenue near La Sierra Avenue. The vehicle pulled into a parking lot and the driver flagged the officer down. Inside the vehicle, a 27 year old man, the passenger, was suffering from an apparent stab wound. Medical aid was summoned and the man was transported to Riverside Community Hospital when he was pronounced deceased a short time later.



It was determined that about 10 or 15 minutes earlier a physical altercation took place between several men at the corner of Arlington Avenue and Jones Avenue near the Village Liquor Store. It is believed the victim was stabbed during this altercation.

Anyone with information on this investigation is asked to contact Detective Rick Wheeler at 951-353-7134 or Detective Rick Cobb at 951-353-7135.

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