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ARREST MADE IN HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION

RIVERSIDE, CA – On November 26, 2015, at about 1:02 a.m., Riverside Police Officers responded to the area of Kansas Avenue and 12th Street regarding a subject lying in the middle of the street. Giovanni Rodriguez, 27-year-old of Corona, was found deceased at this intersection.

The year-long investigation revealed that Rodriguez was kidnapped and robbed of his cell phone by Dimantria James, 44-year-old of Riverside. It was later determined Rodriguez died as a result of trauma to his head from a fall caused while James was driving a vehicle at high speeds. On December 7, 2016, the Riverside County District Attorney's Office charged James with murder, kidnapping and robbery. James was already in custody at the Robert Presley Detention Center for an unrelated kidnapping and robbery of another victim.

This investigation conducted was in cooperation with the Riverside Police Department's Gang Unit, Narcotics Unit, Vice Unit, METRO Team (SWAT) and East Neighborhood Policing Center, along with resources from the Drug Enforcement Agency.



If anyone has information regarding this investigation, please contact Detective Jim Simons at (951) 353-7138 or Detective Adrian Tillett at (951) 353-7105.

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