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Investigators make arrests from June homicide in Stanton, weapons and drugs recovered

SANTA ANA, Ca. (August 10, 2021) – Orange County Sheriff's Homicide Investigators made two arrests yesterday related to a fatal shooting on June 5, 2021. The homicide occurred in the parking lot of "Mexico De Noche" in the City of Stanton. A confrontation between the suspect and victim in the parking lot led to the shooting between the hours of 2:20 a.m. and 2:30 a.m. Patrol deputies responded to the scene but were unable to locate a victim or suspects. The victim, David Hernandez 28, was later located at a local hospital, where he died.

Last week, Investigators asked for the public's assistance in identifying a vehicle possibly associated with the shooting. The vehicle, a 2015 or newer red Jeep Wrangler/Rubicon was captured on surveillance footage fleeing the scene. After the appeal to the public, Investigators recovered the vehicle and were able to identify suspects.

Investigators served multiple search warrants throughout the Southern California area. Jose PerezOrtiz, 30, of Torrance, was arrested and charged with homicide and Valerie Aguirre, 29, of Bellflower, was arrested and charged with accessory to homicide. In addition, more than 30 firearms and seven pounds of methamphetamine were seized as a result of the search warrants.

"These arrests showcase the tireless work of the men and women of the Orange County Sheriff's Department to bring those who commit crimes to justice," Sheriff Don Barnes said. "The partnership between law enforcement and the community is an integral part of keeping Orange County safe. We will continue to protect our residents against those wanting to do harm."

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