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PRESS RELEASE

Murder Suspect Arrested in Spokane

January 7, 2014

A Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office investigation has identified 17 year old Carlos Valdez as the primary murder suspect in the shooting death of Yesica Olivos, a 20 year old Hispanic female resident of Walla Walla. An arrest warrant for Valdez charging Murder in the First Degree was obtained by WWSO detectives from Walla Walla County Superior Court today, Tuesday January 7, 2014.

Additional arrest warrants charging Rendering Criminal Assistance in the First Degree were obtained by WWSO detectives later the same day, 01/07/14, for Breanne Rutherford and Andres Torres-Rodriguez.

WWSO Detectives developed information which led them to believe that the three suspects were inside the Knights Inn Motel (formerly the Royal Scot Motel) at 20 W. Houston Ave. in Spokane. The assistance of the Spokane Office of the FBI and Spokane Police Department was requested at approximately 4:00 pm today. It was believed that the suspects could still be armed.

Spokane Police Patrol Officers, SWAT and Hostage Negotiators quickly developed a plan and responded to the location. Hostage Negotiators initiated contact with the subjects inside the motel. At approximately 8:00 pm two subjects (a male and a female) came out of the hotel and into police custody safely and peacefully. Approximately 15 minutes later, the remaining two subjects (a male and a female) came out of the hotel and into police custody safely and peacefully.

Three of the four have been identified as Carlos Valdez, Breanne Rutherford, and Andres Torres-Rodriguez. The other female will be identified and interviewed regarding her knowledge and possible involvement in the crime.

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The investigation began when the victim's body was discovered near the intersection of Mojonier and Beet Roads on the morning of Friday, January 3, 2014 by a pedestrian who reported it to the Walla Walla Police Department. Due to the reported location, the WWSO was contacted. A Patrol Deputy responded to the area and confirmed the death.

An autopsy was conducted on Saturday, January 4, 2014. Walla Walla County Coroner Richard Greenwood classified the death as a homicide by gunshot wound.

Walla Walla County Sheriff John Turner commended Detective Sergeant Gary Bolster and Detective Mike Good for their quick and outstanding work on this case. Sheriff Turner also stated that he is grateful for the great partnerships and help from the other agencies involved.

The family of the victim has requested that the media not contact them out of respect for their loss.

There is no other information to release at this time.

This investigation is ongoing and the WWSO is still asking for the public's help. Anyone with additional information is asked to contact Detective Sergeant Gary Bolster at (509) 524-5400.

Kindly refer media inquiries to Chief Deputy John King or Sheriff John Turner at (509) 524-5400.