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**\*\*\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\*\*\*WALLA WALLA POLICE DEPT\*\*\*\***  
**Milton-Freewater Murder Suspect Arrested**

WWPD Detectives from the Gang Unit and CCAT arrested George R. Cantu “Flaco”, 23, Walla Walla, for the July 2015 murder of Milton-Freewater resident Guadalupe Diaz.

Detectives waited for Cantu, a known gang affiliate, to leave his place of employment at about 5:25 p.m. last night and initiated a traffic stop on his vehicle in the area of Alder and Clinton Street. He was taken into custody without incident and later interviewed by a detective from Milton-Freewater PD.

The arrest was the result of an Oregon grand jury indictment for Murder 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Unlawful Use of a Weapon, and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm. Bail amount on the warrant is \$1,000,000.

MFPD Chief Boedigheimer stated, “A City of Milton-Freewater case, the arrest is the culmination of a complex investigation involving assistance and cooperative efforts by detectives from the Umatilla/Morrow County Major Crime team, as well as the Walla Walla Police Department, in conjunction with the Umatilla County District Attorney’s Office.”

Following this arrest, WWPD Detectives took another gang member off the streets later that evening. Johnny A. Jimenez “Knuckles”, 20, Walla Walla, was arrested on a Umatilla County warrant for Felon in Possession of a Firearm. This 2<sup>nd</sup> arrest took place shortly after 9:00 p.m. at his residence on West Maple Street. Bail amount on the warrant is \$20,000.

The detectives then went to Umatilla County to assist MFPD with a 3<sup>rd</sup> arrest. Aurelio Rodriguez-Villalobos, was taken into custody on a warrant for Felon in Possession of a Firearm, bail amount of \$20,000.

All three men are members or affiliates of the same gang.

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