



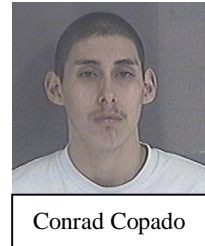
HOLLISTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

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Hollister Police Arrest Six for 2011 Homicide

HOLLISTER, CALIFORNIA – February 3, 2012– On Thursday, February 02, 2012 and Friday February 3, 2012, Hollister Police Detectives arrested 5 suspects in connection with the 2011 homicide of Mark Arballo. A sixth suspect was already in custody for an unrelated crime.



January 4, 2011 officers responded to the 300 blk. of Hill St and located the 39-year-old, Mark Arballo, down on the ground suffering from major trauma to his head and face. The victim received medical attention at the scene and was eventually flown to a bay area trauma center for additional treatment. The victim succumbed to his injuries on February 6, 2011.

Witnesses that night described the assailants as approximately seven Hispanic males, between the ages of 18-24. All wearing dark or red clothing and were last seen running from the scene. (Press Release #11-002)

After a long, in depth investigation, Hollister Police Department Detectives developed evidence and submitted the report to the San Benito County District Attorney's Office. This resulted in six arrest warrants for the suspects in this case.

On February 2, 2012, Hollister Police Detectives arrested a 17 yr old male suspect and two 17 yr old female suspects for charges of 187(A) PC – Murder and 186.22 PC – Gang Enhancement.

On February 3, 2012 at approximately 3:00 AM, a 17 yr old male turned himself in and was booked for 187(A) PC – Murder and 186.22 PC – Gang Enhancement. Later on February 3, 2012 another 16 yr old male was arrested by Hollister Police Detectives in Santa Clara County. This suspect was also booked for 187(A) PC – Murder and 186.22 PC – Gang Enhancement.

All juveniles were booked at San Benito County Juvenile Hall. Due to their age, their identities will not be released at this time.

Conrad Copado (22 yrs) is also facing charges of 187(A) PC – Murder and 186.22 PC. Copado is currently serving time in state prison on unrelated charges.

The Hollister Police Department would like to acknowledge assistance by the San Benito County Sheriff's Search & Rescue Unit, San Benito County Probation and the California Department of Justice in this investigation. In addition, the CALGRIP Grant played a large role in this investigation.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is requested to contact Detective Theresa Aguilera at 636-4330. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may call **WeTIP** at **(800) 78-CRIME**.

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