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**FUGITIVE IN 2013 SAN JACINTO MURDER CAPTURED IN MEXICO AND
RETURNED TO RIVERSIDE COUNTY FOR PROSECUTION**

RIVERSIDE – A fugitive wanted for the June 2013 murder of a man in San Jacinto has been found in Mexico and returned to Riverside County for prosecution.

Juan Javier Mejia, DOB: 8-12-73, is charged with one count each of murder and conspiracy in connection with the murder of Ivan Carrillo. There is also a special circumstance allegation filed against Mejia – who is a United States citizen and previous resident of Hemet – of lying in wait, which makes him eligible for the death penalty.

On Feb. 20, 2015, Riverside County District Attorney's Office investigators assigned to the U.S. Marshal's Office Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force received information that Mejia had been arrested by Mexican authorities outside Mexico City. Task force investigators had previously developed information that Mejia was hiding in the state of Toluca, Mexico. Mejia was processed in Mexico following his arrest and then deported to the U.S. where DA's investigators took him into custody on the outstanding warrant.

The murder of Ivan Carrillo was discovered on June 6, 2013, after several 911 calls were made regarding a shooting at Las Rosas Drive and Osprey Street in San Jacinto. Riverside County sheriff's deputies arrived and found Carrillo in the driver's seat of his Ford Excursion with multiple gunshot wounds to his head and upper body. During their investigation, sheriff's homicide investigators were able to identify Mejia and a second man as the suspects who got out of a black Honda Accord and fired shots at the Excursion.

The second man charged with murder in this case, Abram Daniel Palacios, DOB 7-18-88, has not yet been arrested. Palacios had a last known address in San Jacinto. Anyone with information about the whereabouts of Palacios is asked to call law enforcement authorities.

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