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PRESS RELEASE

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** UPDATE 4 **

Homicide

Location of Incident: 3300 Block of W. 5th Street – Yuma, AZ

Update 4: September 8, 2022 - 7:00 PM

On July 12, 2022, a suspect of a Yuma County Sheriff's Office (YCSO) Homicide case from earlier this year was arrested by the Yuma Police Department on an unrelated matter.

The investigation of the Homicide continued while the suspect was in custody. YCSO Investigators established probable cause to charge the suspect for the Homicide.

The suspect, **Joshua Dominic Ornelas**, 28, of Yuma, AZ was charged with Premeditated Murder in the 1st Degree for the murder of Juan Alfredo Ruiz.

On Tuesday, September 6, 2022, Ornelas was indicted by a grand jury on the Homicide charge and remains in custody at the Yuma County Detention Center.

Update 3: April 25, 2022 – 1:15 PM

Yuma County Sheriff's Office Investigators have identified **Grant Daniel Easley**, 26, of Yuma, AZ as a person of interest in this case. He is described as a white male approximately 5'11 feet tall and weighing approximately 173 lbs.

The Yuma County Sheriff's Office recommends the public not to approach the individual, instead contact law enforcement.



Joshua Dominic Ornelas



Grant Daniel Easley

Anyone with information regarding this incident, or if you observe Easley, please contact the Yuma County Sheriff's Office at 928-783-4427 or 78-CRIME to remain anonymous. You can also visit our website at www.yumacountysheriff.org to submit an anonymous tip.

Update 2: April 9, 2022 - 6:30 PM

On Saturday, April 9, 2022 at approximately 4:45 PM, Serena Isabel Cadena was located and interviewed by the Yuma County Sheriff's Office Investigators.

The victim of the homicide has been identified as **Juan Alfredo Ruiz**, 28, of Yuma, AZ. Next of kin notification has been made.

At this time the investigation is still ongoing.

Update 1: April 8, 2022 – 1:45 PM

Yuma County Sheriff's Office Investigators have identified **Serena Isabel Cadena**, 30, of Yuma, AZ as a person of interest in this case. She is described as a Hispanic female approximately 5'2 feet tall and weighing approximately 185 lbs.

The Yuma County Sheriff's Office recommends the public to not approach the individual as she may be armed and dangerous.

Anyone with information regarding this incident, or if you observe Cadena, please contact the Yuma County Sheriff's Office at 928-783-4427 or 78-CRIME to remain anonymous. You can also visit our website at www.yumacountysheriff.org to submit an anonymous tip.



Serena Isabel Cadena

Original Release – April 4, 2022 – 2:15 PM

On Monday, April 4, 2022 at approximately 12:30 AM, Yuma County Sheriff's Office Deputies were dispatched to the area of the 3300 Block of W. 5th Street in reference to shots fired.

Upon arrival, Deputies discovered a male victim unresponsive and with multiple gunshot wounds. Life saving measures were performed by the reporting party and Deputies, but were unsuccessful.

The victim was pronounced deceased on scene. Identification of victim pending next of kin notification.

The Yuma County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Bureau responded and assumed the investigation. This case remains under investigation at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this case, please contact the Yuma County Sheriff's Office at 928-783-4427 or 78-CRIME to remain anonymous. You can also visit our website at www.yumacountysheriff.org to submit an anonymous tip.

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