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Homicide investigation develops overnight

Suspect arrested in homicide

Update 02/22/2024 | 4:20 p.m.

On February 22, 2024, Ventura-Arellano, Ismael age 21 was arraigned and charged with Murder II and Felon in Possession of a Firearm in the murder of Ramos-Torres, Jesus, age 23.

Ventura is being held at Marion County Jail. The Salem Police Department and the Violent Crime Unit would like to thank the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) for their assistance with this investigation.

All further inquiries will be handled by the Marion County District Attorney's Office.

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Update 01/26/2024 | 3:35 p.m.

The homicide victim is identified as Jesus Ramos-Torres, age 23, of Salem. Ramos-Torres was found deceased from a gunshot wound in the early morning hours of January 25.

Violent Crime Unit detectives investigating the incident have released a photo of the victim and his vehicle with the hope someone will come forward with information helpful to the investigation.

Investigators would like to speak with anyone who may have interacted with Ramos-Torres or know of his whereabouts Wednesday evening, January 24, or before he died at approximately 1:30 a.m. on Thursday.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Salem Police Tips Line at 503-588-8477.

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Victim's vehicle: 2017 Lexus IS 350 F Sport
Silver, four-door, sunroof

Call Salem Police if you saw the victim or his vehicle the evening of Wednesday, Jan. 24 or between the hours of midnight and 1:30 a.m. on Thursday, Jan, 25, 2024.

Salem Police Tips Line: 503-588-8477
Case number: SMP24-6769

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Salem, Ore. — Salem Police Violent Crimes Unit detectives are investigating a homicide that occurred early this morning.

At approximately 1:30 a.m. today, a deputy from the Marion County Sheriff's Office, responding to a report of gunfire in the 1100 block of Cordon RD SE, came upon a vehicle blocking the roadway. The male driver of the vehicle was found deceased from an apparent gunshot wound.

Salem Police responded to the scene and assumed the investigation which closed Cordon RD between Macleay and Caplinger RDS SE for approximately six hours.

No immediate arrests have been made. The incident is an active investigation, and no additional information is being released, including that of the 23-year-old victim.

Detectives ask anyone with information about this incident to call the Salem Police Tips Line at 503-588-8477 and refer to case number SMP24-6769.

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