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Investigators seek potential witness in suspicious death investigation Suspect arrested

Update 06/20/24 | 3:13 p.m.

The suspect in this case has been arrested.

This morning, June 20, Atilano Davalos III, age 38, was taken into custody after the Salem Police Department SWAT Team assisted Salem Police Detectives with serving a search warrant in the 2900 block of Mendocino DR NE in Salem.

Atilano Davalos III was transported to the Marion County Jail and lodged on the following charge:

- Murder in the second degree
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With the suspect in custody, all further inquiries concerning this investigation should be directed to the [Marion County District Attorney's Office](#).

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Salem, Ore. — Detectives from the Salem Police Criminal Investigations Section are currently investigating the death of a 28-year-old Salem woman.

Just before 2:00 a.m. on May 23, emergency personnel responded to the call of a woman lying in the roadway in the 1000 block of Rural AV SE. Responding paramedics determined the woman was deceased.

The woman is identified as Carla Fernanda Vasquez, age 28, of Salem. Detectives are handling the incident as a suspicious death investigation.

[Surveillance video](#) near the area where Vasquez was found shows a passing motorist minutes before the call to police was received. A light-colored vehicle, possibly a van or mid-size, crossover SUV, is seen in the video traveling eastbound on Rural AV as it passes Church ST. Detectives ask for the public's help in locating this potential witness.

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If you are the driver or know the person driving in the area on that early Thursday morning, or if you have information about the case, please call Salem Police detectives at 503-588-8477.

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Video URL: salempd.info/case-24-43327

