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Dispute leads to shots fired, one fatality, two wounded Suspect identified, wanted by police

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Salem Police Violent Crimes Unit detectives ask for the public's help in a 2023 homicide case.

On the evening of February 13, gunfire rang out in a northeast Salem neighborhood after a verbal dispute between several men gathered in the street near Arbon DR and Vallejo ST NE. The incident left Alejandro Silva-Ramirez and two other victims with gunshot wounds. Silva-Ramirez, age 27 of Salem, died on-the-scene. The adult and teen who were also struck by gunfire survived their injuries.

Evidence developed in the investigation led to Fermin Flores, age 33 of Salem, as the suspect in the incident. Flores, who also uses the name Alejandro Chavez Mando, has a warrant for his arrest on the charge of second-degree murder.

Detectives have exhausted all efforts to locate Flores and request the public's help with this case.

Flores is a Hispanic male adult, with black hair and brown eyes, is 5 foot 3 inches in height, and has a slender build. He generally wears his hair shaved and may have facial hair.

Anyone with information about Flores' whereabouts is asked to call the Salem Police Tips Line at 503-588-8477. If you see Flores, call police authorities. Do not approach him. He is considered armed and dangerous.

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Salem, Ore. — At approximately 8:50 p.m. on Monday, February 13, Salem Police officers responded to the area of Arbon DR and Vallejo ST NE on multiple reports of gunfire.

Arriving officers located two men with gunshot wounds. Both men received medical aid at the scene; however, one man, age 27, subsequently died of his injuries. The second man, age 30, was transported to Salem Health and currently remains hospitalized.

A third person with a gunshot wound, a teenage girl, was also located and transported to the hospital with a non-life-threatening injury.

Officers learned several men were gathered in the street when a dispute erupted, and gunfire was exchanged. Stray bullets from the encounter struck a nearby residence with a round entering the home and striking the teen.

Detectives from the Violent Crimes Unit responded to the scene and are leading the investigation. Although no further details are being released about the incident, anyone with information is encouraged to call the Salem Police Tips Line at 503-588-8477.

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