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News Release

Three Suspects Arrested for Murder in Prior Assault Case

Santa Barbara- At approximately 6 a.m. on September 16, Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to the area known as "Granny's Field" in regards to an unconscious assault victim. Granny's Field is an open field located west of San Simeon Drive and San Angelo Avenue in the unincorporated area of Santa Barbara County.

The victim, 51 year old Richard Alden Boden, who was a transient that frequented the location, sustained major injuries from the assault. Initially, there was no suspect information. Boden was transported to the hospital, but after undergoing several weeks of treatment, he never regained consciousness. Boden was taken off life support at the request of next of kin on October 14, and he died a short time later. An autopsy revealed that Boden died as a result of complications stemming from the injuries he sustained during the assault.

Sheriff's Detectives conducted an extensive investigation in the ensuing weeks after the assault, and they were able to identify three suspects believed to have been involved. The suspects include 44 year old Carlos Medina, 20 year old Jonathan Andrade, and 18 year old Roman Romero. All three suspects are residents of Santa Barbara County and are believed to have spent a significant amount of time in "Granny's Field."

At approximately 7:45 a.m. on November 10, Carlos Medina was taken into custody in Pasadena at a court ordered residential treatment living facility. (Medina had been arrested in the same area for a separate assault with a deadly weapon case on August 7, 2012.) Approximately an hour later, Roman Romero was taken into custody without incident at his residence in the City of Santa Barbara with the assistance of the Sheriff's Special Enforcement Team. At just after 11 a.m., Jonathan Andrade was taken into custody at his residence in the unincorporated area of Santa Barbara County without incident. All three were booked at the Santa Barbara County Jail on charges of 187 PC (Murder) and 182 PC (Conspiracy). Bail is set at one million dollars each.



Jonathan Andrade



Carlos Medina



Roman Romero