



# NEWS RELEASE

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### Extradition of Murder Suspect

**Date of Incident:** 8/12/2008  
**Time of Incident:** 4:30 PM  
**Location of Incident:** Mexico to California

#### Summary:

On May 13, 2006 approximately 1:20 AM, Enrique Bermudez (72 YOA) was at the La Veranda Restaurant-Bar located on Mt Vernon Ave, Colton. Reportedly, while at the restaurant three other Hispanic males were in a verbal argument with Bermudez. Two of the HMA's, approximately 25 to 30 YOA began to beat Bermudez. The suspects fled the area and Bermudez was transported to the hospital where he later died from his injuries.

The subsequent investigation determined Omar Ramirez (2-24-81) and Jonathan Ramirez (4-16-78) of Colton were the suspects in this case. Arrest warrants were issued for both suspects. Both suspects fled the area and were believed to have fled to Mexico. Case Agent, Detective Jim Jolliff kept in constant contact with the victim's family as well as the press. As the whereabouts of the suspects became uncertain, the family placed a full-sized add on a local billboard asking for any assistance in locating the suspects in this case. Detective Jolliff contacted America's Most Wanted to have this case exposed to the public. America's Most Wanted picked up the story and included the details on their internet-based Web-Site.

After receiving several tips, the Federal US Marshals assisted in locating suspect Omar Ramirez in Mexico. Omar was detained in Mexico and today, August 12, 2008, he was extradited back to California. Colton Police Detectives retrieved Omar from the US Marshals at LAX and he was returned to Colton Police Department for processing. Omar Ramirez has been booked into San Bernardino County jail where he will stand trial for murder. Although this case will not be closed until both suspects are in police custody, having Omar arrested will help the family cope with their traumatic loss.

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