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## Interstate Homicide Arrest

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – On Sunday, July 8, 2018 at approximately 9:06 PM, Glendale Police received a call in the area of 5700 N. 67<sup>th</sup> Avenue regarding a subject that had been shot. Glendale patrol officers arrived on-scene and located two adult males suffering from gunshot wounds. Fire personnel treated the victims and transported both to a local valley hospital. One of the victims was treated for a non-life-threatening injury. The second victim was pronounced deceased at the hospital. He was later identified as 26-year-old Martiniano Sandoval Jr. (Phoenix resident).

Witnesses reported that there was a verbal argument between the suspect and victims just prior to the shooting. The suspect fled the scene in a gray SUV prior to police arrival. Information received from a Peoria police officer led to the identification of the suspect as 39-year-old Rodolfo Apolinar Cardenas. The Peoria patrol officer had taken a previous report involving Cardenas as the victim of a vehicle theft and the vehicle was shortly recovered. Cardenas vehicle matched the description of the shooting suspect vehicle.

Detectives from both the Glendale Police Department and Peoria Police Department began working in coordination to determine if the events and individuals involved were related. Glendale detectives were able to develop probable cause and an arrest warrant was issued for Cardenas for one count of 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Murder and two counts of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon.

Cardenas' vehicle was located in Tucson and information led detectives to believe that he had fled Arizona and over to the state of Texas. The Tucson Police Department, San Antonio Police Department, and US Marshals were able to assist in the homicide suspect's quick apprehension. Cardenas was located and

taken into custody in San Antonio on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Cardenas is currently awaiting extradition and being held on a \$2,000,000 bond. Please see photos below of both the victim and suspect.

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is to protect the lives and property of the people we serve.”*

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*Victim: Martiniano Sandoval Jr.*



*Suspect: Rodolfo Apolinar Cardenas*