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Date: **March 15, 2010**

Homicide
Suspect In-Custody

On Sunday morning (3/14/10) at about 3:20 am, officers responded to an apartment at 842 North Olive regarding a report of a stabbing that had just occurred.

The victim, Samuel Valdivia was found lying on the floor just inside his apartment. Paramedics from the Orange Fire Department responded to treat the victim; however, Valdivia died at the scene.

The initial investigation has revealed that Valdivia and the suspect, Arnulfo Gonzalez were friends and had been drinking together earlier in the evening. Shortly after 3:00 am, the two became involved in an argument inside the apartment. At some point during the argument, Gonzalez brandished a knife then stabbed Valdivia. Gonzalez fled the scene in a white 1990 Nissan pick-up truck, Nevada license plate of 763TLV.

As our detectives were continuing their investigation on Sunday afternoon, Gonzalez was seen driving the vehicle on Batavia Street in the City of Orange near Police headquarters. The suspect was subsequently taken into custody without incident. He has been booked at Orange County Jail and is being held on $ 1,000,000 bail.

Suspect Information:
Arnulfo Gonzalez, DOB: 11/20/80, Male, Hispanic, 5'3", 120 lbs, black hair and brown eyes.
Residence: Transient

Victim Information:
Samuel Valdivia, DOB: 11/25/64
Residence: 842 N. Olive Orange, CA 92867

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