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MS-13 GANG MEMBER ARRESTED IN ARIZONA CHARGED WITH CALIFORNIA MURDER

YUMA, Ariz. - Nelson Antonio Garcia, 35, of El Salvador, charged in Arizona in August 2008 with the federal crime of Reentry after Removal has been recently charged in Superior Court of the State of California (in the City and County of San Francisco) for the 1998 murder of Daniel Solorzano. He is reported to be a member of the gang known as MS-13.

Garcia, aka Jesus Verona, Maurisio Antonio Lopez-Lopez, Marco Galindo Aria, Nelson Antonio Lopez-Garcia and Marco Arias, was arrested by the U.S. Border Patrol, Yuma Sector, on August 18, 2008. Border Patrol officials informed authorities in San Francisco of his arrest and on August 27, 2008, a warrant was issued by San Francisco authorities for Garcia's arrest based upon a prior felony complaint. On September 3, 2008, a felony complaint was filed on the above-referenced murder charges as well as charges relating to the attempted murder of another man.

Criminal complaints are simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raise no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation in the federal case was conducted by the U.S. Border Patrol, Yuma Sector. The federal prosecution is being handled by Bret Alexander, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Yuma. The investigation in the California case is being handled by the San Francisco Police Department Homicide Detail and is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney George Butterworth of the San Francisco District Attorney's Office.

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For more information on the California charges, please contact Inspector/Sgt. Holly Pera, San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) Homicide Detail at 415-553-1145 or SFPD Public Affairs at 415-553-1651.