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LAS VEGAS OFFICIALS ARREST TWO IN CONNECTION WITH LUXOR HOMICIDE

LAS VEGAS -- An intensive around the clock investigation by METRO Officers, with the assistance of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the F.B.I., and other Federal Law Enforcement agencies, has resulted in the arrest of two suspects in connection with the Monday morning homicide at the Luxor hotel. Both arrests occurred in the early morning hours today.

Omar Rueda-Denvers, 32 years of age, was arrested on charges of murder with the use of a deadly weapon, attempted murder with the use of a deadly weapon, and possession of an explosive device.

Rueda-Denvers, who currently resides in Las Vegas and is of Panamanian descent, has a child in common with the girlfriend of the victim of the homicide. It is believed that the murder was the outgrowth of this and other domestic issues.

Porfirro Duarte Herrera, A.K.A. "Pilo", 27 years of age and of Nicaraguan descent, was also arrested by METRO officials at his residence. He is currently being held on the charge of being an alien in possession of a firearm, however other charges are expected to be filed today.

Duarte Herrera is an associate of Rueda-Denvers. It is believed that he was the passenger in the vehicle which was observed on surveillance video parking next to the victims vehicle on the morning of the homicide.

The vehicle which was seen on the surveillance video from the Luxor was identified Thursday as a 2006 Chevrolet Cobalt. At approximately 4:00 P.M. on Thursday afternoon METRO officers conducted a traffic stop on that vehicle in the area of Eastern and Russell. At that time the vehicle was being driven by a former girlfriend of Rueda-Denvers. It was learned that Rueda-Denvers may have taken that vehicle without her permission in the late evening hours of Sunday, May 6th, in order to use it in the commission of the homicide.

As the investigation continued Rueda-Denvers was stopped in his vehicle, a truck, at approximately 7:00 P.M. Thursday evening in the area of Pebble and Las Vegas Boulevard South, and detained as a person of interest. Evidence gained during questioning of this suspect, and obtained through the service of a search warrant at his residence, lead to his arrest. Officials also served a search warrant at the residence of Duarte Herrera. Materials consistent with the manufacture of explosive devices were found at that location.

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