



# City of Ridgecrest Police Department

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## Press Release

**DATE OF EVENT:** August 22, 2019

**TYPE OF EVENT:** PC 187 – Murder  
PC 32 - Accessory

**LOCATION:** 400 Blk. N. Gold Canyon Dr. / 400 Blk. N. Robalo St. Ridgecrest, Ca.  
and the 9800 Blk. Karen St. California City, Ca.

**SUSPECTS ARRESTED:** Ismael Octavio Quijano Jr. (24 YOA) – PC 187  
Ahidee Barragan (43 YOA) – PC 32

On 08/22/19, at approximately 0010 hours, The Ridgecrest Police Department received emergency calls to the area of the 400 Blk. of N. Gold Canyon Dr. / 400 Blk. N. Robalo St. regarding a shooting and subject down. Upon arrival, Officers located a male victim suffering from gunshot wounds. The victim received immediate medical aid from the responding officers and medical personal. The victim was transported to Ridgecrest Regional Hospital for medical treatment and then transported to Kern Medical Center. The victim later succumbed to his injuries.

The Ridgecrest Police Department worked diligently over the following days to identify a suspect in this case. Through their investigation, Ismael Octavio Quijano Jr. (24 YOA) was identified as the primary suspect in this case.

On 08/27/19, at about 1800 hours, Detectives and Officers from the Ridgecrest Police Department, with the assistance of the California City Police Department, conducted surveillance on a residence in California City where Quijano Jr. was alleged to be at. While surveilling, Quijano Jr. was seen leaving the residence with Ahidee Barragan in a vehicle. Detectives contacted both occupants in the 9800 Blk of Karen St. in California City, Ca. Both were taken into custody. Barragan was arrested for PC 32 – Accessory, as she had knowledge he was the primary suspect in this case and appeared to be assisting him in evading capture. Quijano Jr. was arrested for PC 187 – Murder.

Both suspects were booked into Kern County Jail.

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