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RONALD N. STRAND, Chief of Police

Press Release

DATE OF EVENT: August 29, 2011
TYPE OF EVENT: PC 187(a) - Murder
LOCATION: 1500 N. Norma St.
VICTIM(s): Russell Dean Bair, 25 yo
Trona Resident
SUSPECT(s): Alexander Aguilera, 28 yo
Ridgecrest Resident

On 08-29-11 at approximately 1800 hours, Officers of the Ridgecrest Police Department responded to a trailer park in the 1500 block of N. Norma St. regarding the report of subjects arguing and possible gun shots. Upon arrival, Officers located a male subject, later identified as Russell Bair, on the side of the mobile home. Bair appeared to be the victim of a gunshot wound and was pronounced dead at the scene. Detectives arrived and secured the scene. Officers began a county-wide search for Aguilera, enlisting the help of the Kern County Sheriff's Department, California Highway Patrol, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, and the Inyo County Sheriff's Department.

Throughout the investigation, Detectives learned the shooting was the result of a domestic dispute between Aguilera, Bair and a female subject. The trailer where the shooting occurred belongs to Aguilera and the female subject once resided there. Aguilera fled the scene in a Toyota pickup, which belongs to the female involved in the dispute. The vehicle was later recovered in the desert area near Highway 395.

The Kern County Coroner's Office and the Kern County District Attorney's Crime Lab were called to the scene to assist with the investigation.

Aguilera turned himself in at the Ridgecrest Police Department two hours after the shooting and he was arrested. He was booked for Murder at the Kern County Jail and is being held without bail.

The investigation is continuing and no suspects are outstanding.

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