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Homicide Arrest

Tacoma, Wash. – On September 1, 2020, the Federal Bureau of Investigation arrested wanted Tacoma murder suspect Andres Mendez in Mexico. Mendez was flown to the Seattle International Airport on September 2, where detectives from the Tacoma Police Department took custody of him.

Mendez was wanted for the 2010 homicide of Jose Saul Lucas. On March 25, 2010, Mendez was involved in a fight that took place in the alley behind the 7000 block of S. Puget Sound Avenue in the City of Tacoma. During the altercation, Lucas was shot one time in the upper back and was transported to a local hospital where he died from his injuries.

The Pierce County Prosecutor's Office issued a warrant for the arrest of Mendez for Murder in the 2nd Degree. Crime Stoppers bulletins were released asking for the public's help in locating Mendez and two other suspects.

The Tacoma Police Department would like to thank the Federal Bureau of Investigation for their hard work in locating Mendez.

Mendez was booked into the Pierce County Jail for Murder in the 2nd Degree.

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