



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**June 18, 2017**

**VPD Report Number:** 06-00847

**Date/Time Occurred:** 01/14/06 at 1332 hours

**Type of Incident:** Homicide

**Location:** 300 Block of N.E. 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Name of Business (if applicable):**

**Suspect:**

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

1. Espindola, Andres Rivera

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Yes

**Details:** On January 14, 2006 at 1332 hours, Patrol Officers responded to the 300 Block of N.E. 2<sup>nd</sup> regarding an assault with a deadly weapon. Upon arrival, officers located Victim Raymond Randle Sr (40 years old of Visalia) in the street suffering from a stab wound to the leg. Victim Randle was transported to Kaweah Delta Hospital where he later died from his injuries. Violent Crimes Detectives responded to take over the investigation.

The investigation revealed that Suspect Andres Espindola was causing a disturbance with several people in the area. Victim Randle attempted to intervene and a physical altercation ensued between Victim Randle and Suspect Espindola. During the altercation, Suspect Espindola retrieved a knife from a vehicle and ultimately stabbed Victim Randle. Suspect Espindola fled the scene but was later positively identified by several witnesses as the suspect. On January 20, 2006, an arrest warrant was issued by the District Attorney's Office for Suspect Espindola's arrest however he had already fled to Mexico.

Over the past 11 years, the Violent Crimes Unit continued to attempt to locate Suspect Espindola but was unsuccessful. In May, 2017, detectives met with officials from the FBI (Fresno Regional Office) and requested their assistance in locating Suspect Espindola in Mexico. On June 15, 2017, Suspect Espindola was arrested in Colima, Mexico. Mexican Immigration ordered for Suspect Espindola to be deported from Mexico to the U.S. because he was a wanted U.S. Citizen.

On June 17, 2017, Violent Crimes Detectives met FBI Agents at the Fresno International Airport where Suspect Espindola was turned over to detectives. After being interviewed, Suspect Espindola was booked into the Tulare County Jail for the homicide warrant.



**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** Patrol / Violent Crimes

**Supervisor:** Sgt. Kroeze

