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NEWS RELEASE

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Two Arrested in Visalia Homicide on West Walnut Avenue

Around 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 15, 2024, Visalia Police Department officers responded to the 1100 block of West Walnut Avenue for a report of a man down. When officers arrived on scene, they found a deceased man in the roadway.

Violent Crime Detectives were called to take over the investigation. The victim was found with stab wounds and died from his injuries. Detectives identified the victim as 35-year-old Jorge Zavala.

Investigators identified 36-year-old Ricardo Perez as a suspect. On Friday, August 16, 2024, VPD's Violent Crimes Unit, assisted by the HOPE Unit, arrested Perez in the area of Houston Avenue and Giddings Street in Visalia. A search warrant was also served at a home on North Turner Street.

Further investigation led to the identification of 27-year-old Angel Gomez as a second suspect. Gomez was arrested in Exeter without incident, and a search warrant was served at a home in the 600 block of North Quince Street.

Both suspects have been booked on charges of homicide.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact Detective Norman at (559) 713-4104 or Sergeant Flaws at (559) 713-4092. Anonymous tips can be submitted to the Anonymous Tip Line at (559) 713-4738.

