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## **Mexican Homicide Suspect Arrested in Oregon**

**Salem, OR-** This morning at 9:30 AM, JOSE GABRIOLA-PENA, a 52 year old Hispanic male and citizen of Mexico, was arrested by Deputy U.S. Marshals from the Oregon Fugitive Task Force at his residence on 1760 "C" Street NE in Salem, Oregon.

PENA is charged with homicide in the State of Guanajuato, Mexico punishable under Article 138 of the Penal Code of the State of Guanajuato. On January 17, 2006, the Acting Sole Judge for Criminal Matters of the Judicial District of Salvatierra, Guanajuato issued a warrant for the arrest of JOSE GABRIOLA PENA in criminal case number 3/2006.

PENA has been charged in the shooting death of Chacon Lopez, also a Mexican citizen, which allegedly took place in the town of Ranchito del Salvador, Guanajuato, Mexico. According to witnesses, on December 30, 2005, PENA had accused Chacon Lopez of breaking into his house the week prior. Chacon Lopez wanted to resolve this misunderstanding and was discussing the dispute with several neighbors living next door to PENA. According to witnesses, while the men were talking, GABRIOLA-PENA came out of his neighboring house and approached the group of men, pulled out a gun and shot Chacon Lopez in the head. When a neighbor attempted to help Chacon Lopez, who was lying on the ground, GABRIOLA-PENA pointed the gun at him and warned him to stay back. GABRIOLA-PENA then shot Chacon Lopez again in the head and fled.

Based on a request from Mexico for the Provisional Arrest of JOSE GABRIOLA-PENA, the U.S. Marshals Oregon Fugitive Task Force developed leads which led to his arrest today. GABRIOLA-PENA's initial appearance will be conducted today at the U.S. Courthouse located in Portland.

The U.S. Marshals Oregon Fugitive Task Force is comprised of investigators from the U.S. Marshals Service, Washington County Sheriff's Office, Portland Police Bureau, Oregon State Police, Multnomah County Probation & Parole, Clackamas County Probation & Parole, and the Oregon National Guard. For more information you can go to [www.usmarshals.gov](http://www.usmarshals.gov).