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ARREST MADE IN COLD CASE HOMICIDE

Suspect arrested in Mexico after 20 years

Mesa County, Colorado—Just shy of 20 years after the crime, Sheriff Stan Hilkey joined Judicial District Attorney Pete Hautzinger and coordinator of the Office of the Attorney General's Foreign Prosecution Unit LuzMaria Shearer in publically announcing the arrest of, Rafael "Shorty" Garcia Aguilar, 59, for the murder of Charles "Chuck" Porter. Porter was killed at 3680 F Road, in Palisade in the very early morning hours of July 4, 1989.

It is believed that Aguilar fled the Palisade area immediately and crossed the border into Mexico within days of the shooting. Aguilar was arrested in Colima, Mexico on April 30, 2009, on a Mexican Federal warrant for First Degree Murder. The Colorado Attorney General's Office, specifically Shearer, was instrumental in working with the Mexican government to obtain the warrant for Aguilar. Aguilar will not be extradited back to Colorado, but rather will remain in Mexico and be prosecuted there. If convicted, he will serve his sentence in the Mexican prison system. For more information on this process please contact Mike Saccone, Communications Director, Office of Attorney General at (303) 866-5632. According to Hautzinger, this is the first time a case has been prosecuted through Article 4, Foreign Prosecution.

The 1989 arrest warrant is attached with more details about the case. Two photos of Aguilar taken in Mesa County in the 1980's for DUIs are also attached, although the quality is poor.

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