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ARREST MADE IN COLD CASE HOMICIDE

Suspect arrested in Mexico after 20 years

Mesa County, Colorado—Sheriff Stan Hilkey will hold a press conference with 21st Judicial District Attorney Pete Hautzinger and coordinator of the Office of the Attorney General's Foreign Prosecution Unit LuzMaria Shearer. The press conference is scheduled for 11 a.m., Tuesday, at the Sheriff's Office front entrance, outside.

The details surrounding the homicide of Charles "Chuck" Porter, who was killed at 3680 F Road, in Palisade on July 4, 1989, and the unique circumstances of the suspect arrest will be the topic of the press conference. The suspect, Rafael "Shorty" Garcia Aguilar, 59, was arrested in Colima, Mexico on April 30, 2009, for the murder of Porter.

Investigator Lissah Norcross and Sheriff Stan Hilkey worked in tangent with the Attorney General's Office and the Mexican Government to locate, arrest and likely prosecute Aguilar for what was a cold case for many years.

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