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Attorney General Balderas Announces Extradition of Man Wanted in 2006 Chaparral Murder

*The successful extradition of Estrada-Garcia marks the
third in a month*

Las Cruces, NM – Today, the U.S. Marshals Service booked wanted alleged murderer Eduardo Estrada-Garcia in a Dona Ana County jail after extraditing him from Mexico. The Border Violence Division of the New Mexico Attorney General's Office worked with the U.S. Marshals Service, the United States Department of Justice and the Mexican government to bring Estrada-Garcia back to New Mexico to face an open count of murder for the alleged 2006 brutal murder of a Chaparral, New Mexico woman.

"I am pleased to announce that one of New Mexico's most wanted fugitives is in custody today and will face an open count of murder after nearly a decade on the run in Mexico. I hope the return of this fugitive will provide some level of comfort to the family of Emely Corina Howard who have long awaited the return of Estrada-Garcia" said Attorney General Hector Balderas. "The Border Violence Division of the New Mexico Attorney General's Office works diligently with investigators, the U.S. Marshals Service, the Department of Justice and the Mexican government to return fugitives to New Mexico. The extradition process is lengthy and complicated, but offering critical support is one of the most important functions of the New Mexico Attorney General's Office. I want to thank the U.S. Marshal for the District of New Mexico, Conrad Candelaria, for his agency's dedication to returning the most dangerous fugitives to stand trial in New Mexico and their willingness to collaborate with our office in those joint efforts."

The United States' extradition treaty with Mexico allows extraditions of violent offenders or child predators, and the New Mexico Attorney General's Office is the only state agency in New Mexico that provides extradition support to local law enforcement.

Mario H. Cortez del Cid was extradited from Guatemala and Oscar Garcia Rivera was extradited from Mexico last month. Cortez del Cid was wanted on kidnapping and criminal sexual penetration of a minor under 13, and Garcia Rivera was wanted for attempting to commit a murder.

Please see attached for a photo and the grand jury indictment for Estrada-Garcia.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DONA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO,

Plaintiff,

vs.

EDUARDO ESTRADA-GARCIA,

Defendant.

No. D-307-CR-20070 *0265*
Judge: **Stephen Bridgforth**

CHARGES: **Murder (Open Count)**

GRAND JURY INDICTMENT

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

Murder (Open Count), on or about November 6, 2006, in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, the above-named defendant did without lawful justification or excuse kill Emely Corina Howard by any means by which death may be caused. This is an open count of murder ranging from a capital felony to a fourth degree felony, contrary to 30-2-1 through 30-2-3.

The name of the witness upon whose testimony this Indictment is based is Investigator John Palmer.

I hereby certify that the foregoing instrument is a True Bill.

Kevin D. Boyle
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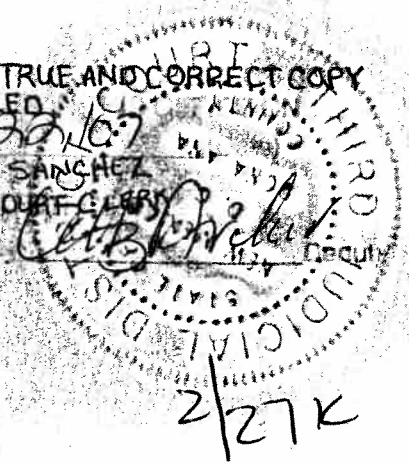
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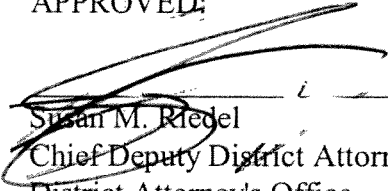
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Grand Jury Indictment

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Name: Eduardo Estrada-Garcia
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DOB: 04/18/1972
POB: Mexico
SSN: Unknown
FBI No.:
Marks/Tattoos:
Aliases:
Booking Slip No.: None
State Tracking No.: None
Magistrate Court No.: None

Eduardo Estrada Garcia

SUMMARY OF FACTS

Three to four weeks prior to June 05, 2006 Eduardo Estrada-Garcia (ESTRADA-GARCIA) temporarily moved into Jaime Barriga's home in El Paso, Texas and was sleeping on the couch. On June 05, 2006, he borrowed Barriga's car, and he drove to vacant property that Barriga owned in Chaparral, N.M. ESTRADA-GARCIA used his own set of keys to open the gate to the property. While at the property in Chaparral, ESTRADA-GARCIA brutally attacked Emily Corina Howard, chased her throughout the property, caused multiple injuries to Emily Corina Howard and ultimately shattered her skull killing her. ESTRADA-GARCIA left Emily Corina Howard's severely bludgeoned, naked body lying in the dirt on the Chaparral property. ESTRADA-GARCIA also left a tan jacket borrowed from Barriga, but with a blood stain matching his DNA at the property in Chaparral, N.M. ESTRADA-GARCIA arrived at Barriga's home at about 4:00 a.m. on June 06, 2006 and woke up Barriga and Barriga's nine year old daughter. ESTRADA-GARCIA was covered in blood. ESTRADA-GARCIA told Barriga he had gotten into a fight and was going to take a shower. After he finished his shower, ESTRADA-GARCIA told Barriga that a lady had taken him over to some Aztecas because he had done something to the Aztecas in Juarez. ESTRADA-GARCIA told BARRIGA he hit the lady with the back of a gun and in Spanish he told BARRIGA that he broke it and smacked her on the head. Also in Spanish, ESTRADA-GARCIA told BARRIGA, "It's that they wanted to kill me, but I beat them to it," and "One did not get anything good in being involved in these things." ESTRADA-GARCIA also said that he had dumped the body of one on an empty lot on Magnetic and Hercules and the other on the side of the property that BARRIGA has in Chaparral, N.M. A second body was never found. ESTRADA-GARCIA left Barriga's house in Barriga's car shortly after showering. ESTRADA-GARCIA told Barriga he was going to take Barriga's car into Juarez and sell it, but would send Barriga the money later. ESTRADA-GARCIA left clothes, a tooth brush, and a mop with blood stains on it at Barriga's home.