



PEDRO E. SEGARRA
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MAYOR SEGARRA, CHIEF HEAVREN ANNOUNCE WARRANT IN 2010 COLD CASE HOMICIDE

--- NEWS AND COMMUNITY STATEMENT---

(January 31, 2012) --- Hartford Mayor Pedro E. Segarra and Police Chief Brian J. Heavren announced today that an arrest warrant has been issued charging a 22-year-old Hartford man in the "cold case" slaying of one person and wounding of two others outside of a Franklin Avenue club in 2010.

Luis Sanchez, who is currently incarcerated in an unrelated shooting case, is charged with Murder, two counts of Assault in the First Degree, Criminal Possession of a Firearm, Criminal Use of a Firearm and Carrying a Pistol without a Permit. The warrant was obtained following an investigation by the Major Crimes Division of the Hartford Police Department in conjunction with the Hartford Shooting Task Force and the Cold Case Unit in the Office of the Chief State's Attorney.

"I applaud the diligent investigative efforts of the Hartford Police Department in securing this warrant," Mayor Segarra said. "The Department will now work with judicial officials to support the effective prosecution of this dangerous individual so that he will not bring harm to another individual, or pain to another family."

Hartford Police Chief Brian J. Heavren commended the teamwork that went into solving the case saying, "The collaboration between the HPD Major Crimes Division, especially Detectives Reginald Early and Michael Sheldon, the Hartford Shooting Team and the State of Connecticut Cold Case Unit in this investigation was exceptional, and should serve as a message to those who commit violent crime that they will be caught and held accountable for their actions."

Sanchez is charged with opening fire on a group of individuals outside of a club located at 451 Franklin Avenue shortly before 1 a.m. on October 7, 2010. Jeanna Flores, age 27, died from a single gunshot wound to the head, and two men with her were wounded. Bond on the arrest warrant was set at \$3 million. Sanchez is currently in the custody of the State of Connecticut Department of Correction awaiting trial in an unrelated assault case. The warrant has been sealed because the investigation is continuing.

Two other Hartford residents also have been arrested on charges related to the investigation into the 2010 homicide and shootings.

Santos Gonzalez, 27, was arrested earlier this month and is charged with Hindering Prosecution in the Second Degree. He is free on \$100,000 bond and will be arraigned in Hartford Superior Court, G.A. No.

14, on February 6, 2012. Gina Colon, 26, was arrested in October 2011 and charged with one count of Hindering Prosecution in the Second Degree and two counts of Tampering with a Witness. She is being held in lieu of \$500,000 bond and her case is pending in Hartford Superior Court.

The charges against the defendants are merely accusations and they are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. The cases are being prosecuted by the Office of the State's Attorney for the Judicial District of Hartford.

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