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TYPE OF CRIME: Cold Case Homicide - Serial Murderer
LOCATION: Highway 101 / Brokaw Road

CASE NUMBER: 89-152-0377
DATE: June 1, 1989
TIME: 6:00PM

VICTIM #1: McCUNE, Nestora
ADDRESS: San Jose Resident

AGE: 61 years (9-16-27)

VICTIM #2: BERROSPE, Florence Ruth
ADDRESS: San Jose Resident

AGE: 50 years (2-5-34)

SUSPECT: PEREZ, Luis
ADDRESS: San Francisco Resident

AGE: 40 years (10-26-64)

DETAILS:

On June 1, 1989 at about 6:00PM, road crews cleaning up the gore point of Highway 101 and Brokaw Road discovered the partially-clothed body of Nestora McCune. Investigation revealed she had been strangled and sexually assaulted.

Investigators launched an intensive investigation, but a suspect in this murder was not identified.

In 2005, Detective Sgt. Rob Millard, while reviewing cold case homicides, determined that this case had evidence worthy of re-examination. Sergeant Millard directed Crime Scene Unit Investigator Pat Kirby to submit specific items of evidence to the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office Crime Lab for examination and testing using emerging forensic technologies.

In April 2005, the Crime Lab linked evidence in the Nestora McCune murder to a convicted felon whose name had been entered into the statewide DNA database. Luis Perez was also linked to an unsolved San Francisco homicide/sexual assault investigation. Investigators located Luis Perez at Mule Creek State Prison.

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In May of 2005, after consulting San Francisco Police Inspector Kirvin Silas, Detective Sergeant Rob Millard and Detective Sergeant Tim Porter traveled to Mule Creek State Prison to interview suspect Perez about his involvement in the McCune murder, the San Francisco murder, and the unsolved 1984 homicide of Frances Berrospe in Sunnyvale, California that appeared to have similarities to the case being investigated in San Jose. Investigators were able to develop evidence linking Luis Perez to all three murders. Based upon information developed in this investigation, police believe Luis Perez may be responsible for more sexual assaults and homicides in the San Francisco Bay Area and possibly other areas of the United States.

Luis Perez is believed to have been living in the San Francisco Bay Area between 1983 and 1999.

Working with Deputy District Attorney Charles Constantinides of the Cold Case Unit of the District Attorney's Office, charges were issued against Luis Perez, and on Saturday, September 17th, Luis Perez was arrested at Mule Creek State Prison. He was returned to Santa Clara County by Sergeants Millard and Porter and booked for the murders of Nestora McCune and Frances Berrospe. Charges are pending on the San Francisco homicide and the investigation continues to link Luis Perez to unsolved crimes in the greater Bay Area.

Anyone with any information on this case is urged to call Detective Sergeant Rob Millard or Detective Sergeant Tim Porter of the San Jose Police Department Homicide Unit at 408-277-5283. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may call Crime Stoppers at 408-947-STOP.

Inquiries to the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office should be directed to Chief Assistant District Attorney Karyn Sinunu at 408-792-2702.



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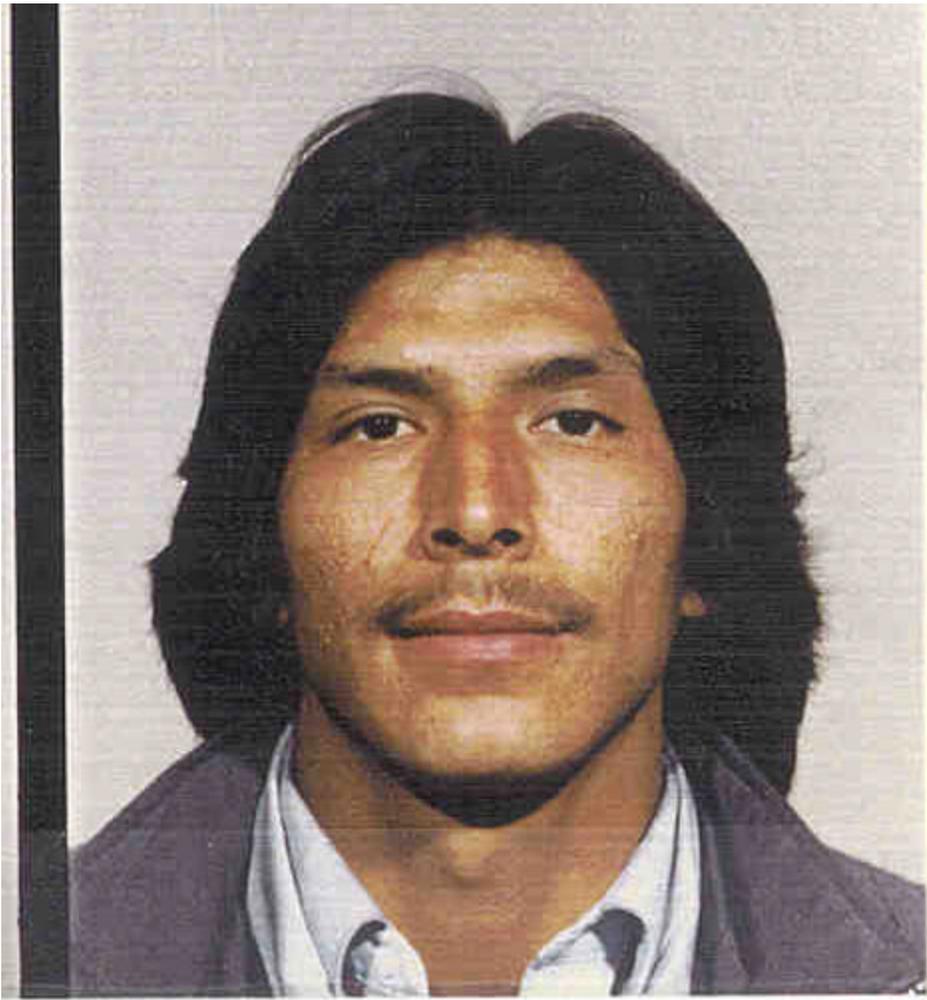
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