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TYPE OF CRIME: Homicide (Cold Case)

CASE NUMBER: 93-355-0211

LOCATION: 2100 Block of So. 10th St.

DATE: 12-21-93 **TIME:** 5:30 AM

VICTIM: Virginia "Gina" Hernandez

AGE: 42

ADDRESS: San Jose Resident

SUSPECT: Michael Blue

AGE: 41

ADDRESS: Sacramento, CA

DETAILS:

On Tuesday, December 21, 1993, at 5:30 AM, employees arriving for work discovered the body of Virginia Hernandez lying on the pavement to the rear of a metal fabrication company. Virginia had been severely beaten with a blunt instrument. An aggressive investigation by Homicide Detectives failed to identify the suspect in this case. The investigation remained inactive for a number of years.

In 2003, the case was reassigned to Officer Byron Jones, who began evaluating the physical evidence originally collected at the crime scene. Through the use of DNA technology and with the assistance of the Santa Clara County Crime Lab, Officer Jones was able to develop evidence linking Michael Blue to the crime. Sgt. Pete Ramirez and Officer Sean Pritchard assumed responsibility for the investigation in September of 2004. Advanced laboratory analysis was undertaken in an attempt to gather more evidence tying Michael Blue to the crime scene. This second battery of tests provided additional evidence further implicating Michael Blue in the murder of Virginia Hernandez.

On May 24, 2005, Officer Pritchard presented the case to the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office. He obtained a criminal complaint charging Michael Blue with the murder of Virginia Hernandez. On May 25, 2005 Michael Blue was arrested in Sacramento County where he was being held on a parole hold. He was transported back to Santa Clara County and booked into the Main Jail.

Investigators continue to aggressively pursue potential leads in this case. Anyone with information is urged to call Sergeant Pete Ramirez or Officer Sean Pritchard 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.

BY: Officer Enrique Garcia

DATE: 05-27-05

TIME: 3:00 PM

AUTHORIZED BY: Lt. Mike Sterner

DATE: 05-27-05

TIME: 3:00 PM

PRESS OFFICER BRIEFED BY UNIT COMMANDER (CIRCLE) **YES** NO