

# MEDIA RELEASE

## **UPDATE: Suspect Arrested for February House Party Murder**

September 10, 2022

In August 2022, a Washington County grand jury indicted 19-year-old Cesar Alvarez-Alcazar for the murder of 20-year-old Jose Rodriguez-Sanchez in February at a house party in Cornelius.

On Saturday, September 10, 2022, police officers in Salem contacted Alvarez-Alcazar during a traffic stop and arrested him on the Washington County warrant for murder in the second degree. He is being held in the Marion County Jail until he can be transferred to the Washington County Jail.

The original media release is below.

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## **One Person Killed in Shooting at Party: Detectives Seeking Tips**

February 7, 2022

On Sunday, February 6, 2022, at 2:17 a.m., Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies serving the City of Cornelius responded to a report of a shooting at a residence in the 300 block of S 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Several people called 911 to report that someone fired a gun at a party, and someone was shot. When deputies arrived on scene, they found 20-year-old Jose Rodriguez-Sanchez with severe injuries. Bystanders, as well as deputies and Forest Grove Police officers attempted life saving measures, but Rodriguez-Sanchez died at the scene.

Investigators believe that there were many partygoers who left prior to police arriving and would like to speak to anyone who was at a party in the area on the night of Saturday February 5 or the early morning of Sunday February 6. Please call 503-846-2500 if you have any information.

No arrests have been made and the investigation is ongoing. It is believed this is an isolated incident and there is no danger to the public.

Detectives from the Washington County Major Crimes Team (MCT) and the Violent Crimes Unit responded to investigate. The Forensic Service Unit (FSU) processed the scene.

Rodriguez-Sanchez's family was notified of his death and provided the attached photo.



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