



PRESS RELEASE

CARL D. CHARLES, CHIEF OF POLICE

HOMICIDE

Downey, CA, June 30, 2018

On Saturday, June 30, 2018, at approximately 11:28 a.m., Officers responded to reports of shots fired at Rick's Motel located at 9415 Firestone Blvd, City of Downey. Upon arrival, Officers found two male subjects down in the parking lot of the location. Both subjects were pronounced deceased at the scene from gunshot wounds. It appears that the suspect was involved in a dispute with both victims prior to the shooting and it does not appear to be a random act.

Through investigative means Raymond Joseph Penland was identified as the suspect in the homicides. Penland fled the location after committing the crimes and was last seen in the City of Santa Fe Springs.

Two additional subjects are being sought as persons of interest; Catarina Frances Barajas, 25 years of age, and Vanessa Teresa Cardenas, 32 years of age.

The investigation is on-going. Anyone with information relating to this crime is encouraged to contact Detective Richard Garcia at (562) 904-2330. If you prefer to provide information anonymously, you may call "Crime Stoppers" by dialing (800) 222-TIPS (8477), use your smartphone by downloading the "P3 Tips" Mobile APP on Google play or the Apple App Store or by using the website <http://lacrimestoppers.org>.

Press inquiries may be directed to Sergeant Maria Villegas at (562) 904-2340 or front desk at (562) 904-2308.

Reference Case Number 18-44523.



Raymond Joseph Penland
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