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NEWS RELEASE

(Valencia County, NM) – Violent Homicide of 11-year-old child

Just after 3:00 P.M. Saturday afternoon Valencia County Sheriff's Office (VCSO) Deputies responded to 37 Carmel, in the Monterey Park District of Los Lunas, in reference to several 911 calls in regards to a disturbance. Upon arrival Deputies located 11-year-old Joseph Hobbs deceased who had suffered a catastrophic gunshot wound. Contact was made with several witnesses on scene to include the boy's mother and little brother. The three were reported as being at the home to visit with friends when the shooting occurred. VCSO and the New Mexico State Police (NMSP) crime scene investigators spent the night processing the shooting location. A prosecutor from the 13th Judicial District Attorney's Office has been assigned to the investigation and is working closely with Detectives. The initial investigation at the home was completed around 4:30 P.M. this afternoon.

The initial investigation revealed that at least three suspects were present at the time of the shooting. Those suspects fled the scene prior to law enforcement arrival in a vehicle. The three suspects were identified as 40-year-old Alexandria Tabora, her adult son 21-year-old Santos Mateo Garcia and 24-year-old Erik Carrillo-Garcia (No relation). All three of these suspects are from the Monterey Park District of Los Lunas where the shooting took place.

Arrest warrants for these suspects were issued earlier this afternoon. The Valencia County Sheriff's Office, along with U.S. Marshals and NMSP Tactical Team members, initiated a fugitive apprehension operation. Alexandria Tabora was taken into custody just before 7 P.M. this evening. She is being questioned and further processed at the Sheriff's Office. Various law enforcement agencies are continuing the hunt for the additional fugitives at large. The U.S. Marshals Office has issued up to a \$15,000.00 reward for information leading to the arrest of those directly responsible for the child's death. Those with information on this case are encouraged to call the Valencia County Sheriff's Office, Central Dispatch or the U.S. Marshals Office located in Albuquerque.

Specifics on Joseph's cause of death is pending an autopsy scheduled for Monday at the Office of the Medical Examiner.

UPDATE

VCSO, NMSP and U.S. Marshals located Erik Carillo-Garcia and Santos Mateo Garcia late last night in the Las Maravillas sub division of Los Lunas. The two were taken into custody without incident. A search warrant was executed at the home where they were found and several firearms have been recovered. The suspects were transported to the Valencia County Sheriff's Office where they were interviewed and processed. They were booked into the Valencia County Detention Center shortly after midnight. The autopsy of 11-year-old Joseph Hobbs was completed on Monday and the OMI report indicates that he received a gunshot wound to the neck. Joseph has been released back to his family through the assistance of Noblin funeral services.

The Valencia County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the following agencies for their dedication and assistance in this investigation. It is through the combined efforts of these agencies that three suspects have swiftly been brought to justice in this case.

U.S. Marshals Service
New Mexico State Police
Ammo Tobacco and Firearms
Drug Enforcement Agency, Region 1
NM Adult Probation and Parole Office
Los Lunas Police Department
Belen Police Department
Bosque Farms Police Department

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