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Media Release: October 7, 2024 Double Homicide Victims Identified

The two victims from the October 4th double homicide have been identified as 21-year-old Jeremiah Rios Aguilera and 21-year-old Giovanni Aburto Lopez, both residents of Watsonville. Detectives believe this was a targeted attack and are currently working to identify a suspect(s). Anyone with information is urged to contact our dispatch at (831)471-1121.

PREVIOUS RELEASE: At approximately 12:43 a.m., deputies were dispatched to a reported shooting on the 700 block of Carlton Road. Upon arrival, deputies discovered two individuals suffering from gunshot wounds. Despite life-saving efforts, both victims were pronounced dead at the scene.

The deceased have been identified as two 21-year-old males from Santa Cruz County. The release of their identities is pending notification of their families.

This is an active and ongoing investigation. Detectives are working to determine the motive behind the incident. Anyone with information is urged to contact dispatch at (831) 471-1121.

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