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Media Release: October 30, 2019 Arrests made in Homicide at Jail

October 30th, 2019 detectives arrested Mario Lozano, 33 of Santa Cruz and Jason Cortez, 25 of Watsonville for the October 13th, 2019 murder of 24-year-old German Carrillo.

Carrillo had been in custody at the main jail for murder since April of 2013. He was found deceased in his cell around 11 a.m. on October 14th, 2019.

Following an autopsy and investigation by our forensic pathologist and detectives, it was determined Carrillo was strangled sometime between midnight and early morning October 13th.

Lozano, Cortez and Carrillo shared a cell in a housing unit designated for active gang members.

Lozano has been in custody since August 2018 on murder charges. Cortez has been in custody since January 2019 on felony weapons charges.

The investigation is ongoing. Detectives are working closely with the District Attorney's Office to file charges against Lozano and Cortez.

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