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# Press Release: Monterey County Sheriff's Deputies and Monterey County Cold Case Task Force Detectives Solve 1982 Murder

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TYPE OF INCIDENT: Monterey County Sheriff's Deputies and Monterey County Cold Case Task Force Detectives

Solve 1982 Murder

LOCATION: Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility

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On Saturday, 04/10/1982, at approximately 0130 hours, a deceased male, later identified as Cruz Gomez, was found on Williams Road in an unincorporated area of Monterey County, near Old Stage Road. Gomez was found by a security guard who was checking the gates of local farm properties. Gomez was the owner of the "Dos Reyes" Night Club in Salinas.

The initial investigation indicated Gomez had been violently beaten and murdered somewhere else and had been placed on the roadway where he was later found. Suspects were identified early, as witnesses led investigators to Saul Ramirez and another suspect. Both had been at the Dos Reyes Night Club, shortly before Gomez left the bar.

After many interviews, search warrants, and evidence collection, a fresh tip from the public led investigators to a motorhome at the Mission El Dorado (camp) in Huron, CA. Blood evidence and other items of interest were found inside the motorhome by detectives; however, during the 1980s, no suspect could be charged at the time. The motorhome was established to belong to Saul Ramirez and DNA profiles were developed from items of evidence collected during the investigation. As DNA technology progressed, the Sheriff's Office detectives working in conjunction with the Monterey County Cold Case Task Force collected enough evidence to charge a suspect in this case.



