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**Asheboro Police Department Obtains Warrant for 2007 Homicide**

ASHEBORO, NC – Asheboro Police Department has obtained a warrant for Victor Ortiz Arrona, last seen at 355 Whitaker Road, Booneville, North Carolina for first-degree murder in the homicide of Jose Castillo Blanco, 37 at the time. The incident occurred at Mr. Blanco’s residence, 512 Mt. Cross St. in Asheboro on Sunday, December 2, 2007. Officers and Randolph County EMS responded to an assault call and when they arrived at the residence, Mr. Blanco had been stabbed several times and was found to be deceased.

The suspect, Victor Ortiz Arrona, has had several residences in the area and may have ties in Yancyville, Booneville, Winston-Salem, Asheboro and Archdale.

“Although it has taken several years to bring a charge, at least the family knows there is a warrant on the suspect and the Asheboro Police Department has not forgotten about their case,” said Master Lieutenant Maxine Wright with the Asheboro Police Department.

The state medical examiner said that the victim had died from a stab wound. The Criminal Investigations Division of the Asheboro Police Department would like to speak with anyone who may know the whereabouts of Victor Ortiz Arrona. Those with additional information are encouraged to contact the Asheboro Police Department (336) 626-1300, ext. 302 or Crime Stoppers at (336) 672-7463.

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