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### **RIVERSIDE MURDER SUSPECT ARRESTED IN MEXICO**

RIVERSIDE, CA – In February 2006, Crystal Theobald, 24, of Riverside was murdered while riding in a car with her brother and her boyfriend in the Arlanza neighborhood of Riverside. Local gang members fired at the vehicle after mistakenly identifying it as belonging to a rival gang. Crystal was killed during the shooting and her boyfriend was shot in the abdomen. Julio Heredia, 24, was arrested by police a year after the murder and has since been convicted and sentenced. During the course of their investigation, detectives identified another suspect, William Sotelo, as the driver of the vehicle used in the murder. Sotelo fled to Mexico shortly after the murder and evaded capture.

On Friday, May 6, 2016, Mexican authorities, acting on information provided by the Inland Regional Apprehension Team (IRAT), captured William Sotelo in central Mexico, and delivered him to the United States on Saturday May 7, 2016. Riverside police detectives interviewed Sotelo and booked him into jail. Sotelo, who was the sole remaining suspect in this case, will face multiple charges in connection with this assault and murder.

Riverside Police Detectives Rick Wheeler and Rick Cobb worked tirelessly on the case. Detective Wheeler said, "We are happy to finally close the last chapter on this case, and bring William Sotelo to justice after ten years of searching for him. I appreciate the work of the Riverside Police officers and IRAT team, FBI, and Mexican authorities who have brought him back to Riverside to answer for what he has done."



