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Detectives Make Arrest in 2016 Orange Cove Homicide

Homicide detectives with the Fresno County Sheriff's Office have arrested 59 year old Basilio Rodriguez Jr. of Fresno. He has been booked into the Fresno County Jail on a charge of murder. His bail is set at \$1 million.

On Wednesday, November 23, 2016, Orange Cove Police responded to the Orchard Village Apartment complex (1555 South Ave) regarding an assault. Responding officers found 25 year old Angel Esquibel suffering from numerous injuries. He was transported to Reedley Hospital where he passed away. Due to Angel's death being ruled a homicide, Orange Cove Police requested sheriff's detectives take over the investigation. Several people were interviewed, but no arrests were made. Recently, new information came to light, which helped detectives identify Basilio Rodriguez Jr. as the killer.

Although an arrest has been made, additional information on this case can be reported to Detective Jose Diaz at (559) 600-8204. You may also contact Crime Stoppers at (559) 498-7867 or www.valleycrimestoppers.org. You will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward. Reference case #16-18611.