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Detectives Identify Kerman Homicide Suspect

Homicide detectives with the Fresno County Sheriff's Office have obtained a murder arrest warrant for 53 year old Salvador Rizo Pacheco of Kerman. He is described as 5'8", 265 lbs. Detectives are actively searching for him and are requesting the public's help to find him.

Around 10:00 pm on Saturday, October 4th, sheriff's deputies responded to a report of an injured person. Deputies arrived at a home on the 3300 block of S. Congress Ave. in Kerman where a wedding celebration was taking place. The victim was found to have severe injuries and was transported to Community Regional Medical Center where he later died. He was identified as 63 year old Martin Tovar Zalazar of Kerman.

Homicide detectives and members of the Sheriff's Crime Scene Unit responded to collect evidence and interview potential witnesses. Detectives later developed information to show Salvador Rizo Pacheco as the primary suspect. This was an isolated incident where the suspect and victim knew each other.

Anyone with information that can help this investigation is asked to please call Sheriff's Detective Aurelio Flores at (559) 600-8208 or Detective Jose Diaz (559) 600-8204. You may also contact Valley Crime Stoppers at (559) 498-7867 or www.valleycrimestoppers.org You will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward. Reference case #25-10326.