



# EL CENTRO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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To: Press Release  
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## EL CENTRO:

On November 10, 2024, Officers responded to the 1000 block of Sandalwood Drive in reference to a report of shots fired. Officers located a victim, later identified as Francisco Romo (9/30/1979), suffering from two gun-shot wounds to his upper torso. Romo was transported to the El Centro Regional Medical Center where he later succumbed to his injuries. During the course of this homicide investigation, suspect Rudy Isaac Hernandez (6/1/1992), was identified as the alleged shooter and person responsible for Romo's death. On Sunday, March 2, 2025, at approximately 0140 hours, suspect Rudy Hernandez was located on the 600 block of Main Street, El Centro. Hernandez was arrested and transported to the Imperial Valley Law Enforcement Coordination Center (IVLECC) and interviewed by the El Centro Police Department's Investigative Bureau. Hernandez was later processed and detained at the Imperial County Jail pending murder charges with a set bail of 1 million dollars. Further details are unavailable for release at this time as the incident remains under investigation.

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