



**VALLEJO POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
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**\*\*2007 Homicide Suspect Returned to Solano County\*\*\***

On Sunday, August 12, 2007, at approximately 1:15 p.m., Vallejo Police Department received a call of a shooting victim in the parking lot of Nujos Restaurant located at 1201 Georgia St.

Upon arrival, the victim, 19-year-old Vallejo resident Jose ROMO was found on the pavement being attended to by Medic Ambulance personnel who happened to be there at the time the call was broadcast.

We learned the victim was the right front passenger of a vehicle occupied by three other victims/passengers when moments earlier a suspect vehicle occupied by three subjects engaged in a hostile exchange with them in the area of Tennessee St. and Marin St. As the two vehicles continued on, one of the suspects started shooting at the victim vehicle near Carolina St. and Marin St. Victim ROMO was struck in the head and the vehicle was hit by several rounds.

Detectives initiated their investigation and were able to quickly identify and locate the suspect vehicle. Two subjects were brought in for questioning and an arrest was made of the suspected driver of the responsible vehicle, 24-year-old Jenny DIZON of 335 Florida St. She was arrested for homicide and booked into the Solano County Jail.

Victim ROMO later succumbed to his wounds on August 13, 2007. Shortly thereafter, Vallejo Police Detectives were able to identify Israel RIVERA-BALDERAS as the gunman in the murder. Vallejo Police learned that the suspect fled Vallejo shortly after the murder and traveled to Chicago and ultimately traveled to Mexico.

RIVERA-BALDERAS is a Mexican citizen. His arrest would require the Vallejo Police Department Detectives to work with the United States Department of Justice in Washington D.C., the United States Department of Internal Affairs, and the U.S. Marshals Service.

On 01-25-08, after months of paperwork and working with these agencies, a judge in Mexico signed a provisional arrest warrant authorizing the arrest of RIVERA-BALDERAS.

On 02-09-08, the United States Marshals Service, along with law enforcement officials who had arrived from the Mexican Government, arrested RIVERA-BALDERAS at his father's residence in Rosa Rita near Tijuana.

On 12-02-08, after months of fighting extradition to the United States, RIVERA-BALDERAS had exhausted all of his legal challenges. He was extradited to the United States where he will face prosecution for the murder of Jose ROMO, the attempted murder of the other three occupants of the vehicle, and being a member of a criminal street gang.

The Vallejo Police Department the Romo family would like to thank all of those agencies involved and the numerous citizen's who came forward to help in solving this case and bringing Israel Rivera-Balderas back to the Solano County for prosecution.



Israel Rivera-Balderas