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Headline: Final update to Shamon Court Homicide on March 7th, 2019.

Details:

On March 11th, 2019 at 1:35pm, TCSO Detectives arrested 37-year-old Adan Sanchez of Centralia for the crime of murder 2nd degree for the homicide of 27-year-old Pedro Beltran Palomares. The shooting death occurred at a residence on Shamon Ct. SW in Southwestern Thurston County in the late evening hours of March 7th, 2019.

The investigation revealed that Mr. Sanchez and Mr. Beltran were acquaintances who had been partying and drinking alcoholic beverages together throughout the evening. At some point the two men became engaged in verbal argument which led to the tragic shooting of one by the other.

This homicide investigation had been an ongoing endeavor by the Thurston County Sheriff's Office Investigative Services Division since responding to the residential crime scene around midnight on March 8th, 2019. A previous arrest of 38-year-old Romulo Yanez had been made in the investigation to date for the crime of Rendering Criminal Assistance in the 1st degree.

Mr. Sanchez had initially been established as a person of high interest as a suspect for this case mere hours after the start of the investigation. TCSO Detectives learned that he had been taken into custody by a Washington State Patrol Trooper for an unrelated DUI crime on March 8th, 2019 at 3:27 am., Where he was booked into the Lewis County Jail.

Mr. Sanchez was arrested from the Lewis County Jail by TCSO Detectives and brought to the Thurston County Jail where he was booked for the Murder 2nd charge. TCSO Detectives will be turning the case over to the Thurston County Prosecutor's Office for further disposition and does not anticipate any further arrest arising from this case.