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DA FILES COLD CASE MURDER

Salt Lake City, UT | Today, Salt Lake County District Attorney Sim Gill announced the filing of murder charges against Antonio Luis Martinez for the 1995 killing of John Wollshleger at 747 West 1300 South Salt Lake City, Utah.

The statement of probable cause in support of the murder charge reads:

On or about July 30, 1995, officers with the Salt Lake City Police Department located a small pickup truck parked on the side of the road at 1550 South 700 West in Salt Lake County, State of Utah. In the bed of the pickup truck, police found the body of John Wollshleger, who had been fatally shot in the head. The victim's legs were wrapped around the handlebars of a white bicycle.

Police also observed significant abrasions and contusions on the victim's back, as if the victim had been dragged over concrete and asphalt prior to being placed in the bed of the pickup truck. The Utah Medical Examiner's Office certified the death as a homicide. The gunshot wound is consistent with having been caused by a higher-caliber firearm.

On or about May 21, 2003, the defendant, ANTOINIO MARTINEZ, told a Salt Lake City Police Department officer that when he was younger, he had done a crime so bad that he had to flee to Mexico and live there for a year. The defendant told that police officer that he had been on the run for that crime ever since and had never been interviewed by the police about it.

On or about January 25, 2012, a witness with the initials T.Q. told Salt Lake City Police Department detectives that he/she was present at the party where John Wollshleger was shot and killed. In the same interview, this witness told police officers that he/she observed the defendant, ANTONIO MARTINEZ, with a gun at the party and saw him shoot John Wollshleger. This witness described the firearm used by the defendant as a rifle.

On or about February 29, 2012, a witness with the initials W.G. told Salt Lake City Police Department detectives that he/she was present at the party where John Wollshleger was shot and killed. He/she indicated that this party took place at approximately 747 West 1300 South in Salt Lake County, State of Utah. He/she told police that he saw the defendant, ANTOINIO MARTINEZ, at the party in possession of a long rifle. He/she also said he saw the defendant shoot John Wollshleger.

On or about March 11, 2012, officers with the Salt Lake City Police Department interviewed the defendant, ANTOINIO MARTINEZ. In the interview, the defendant told police that he owned a 30-06 hunting rifle in 1995.

District Attorney Gill expresses his appreciation to the Salt Lake City Police Department and in particular the SLCPD Homicide Squad, and the District Attorney's Office personnel for their diligence and perseverance and acknowledges the fine work accomplished to bring Defendant Martinez to justice to answer this murder charge.

Each person accused of a crime is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

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