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## **Sheriff's Detectives Arrest Man for the Murder of a Missing Fresno Woman**

Homicide detectives with the Fresno County Sheriff's Office have arrested 41 year old Ramon Jimenez of Hanford. He is being held in the Fresno County Jail on charges of murder and domestic violence. He is not eligible for bail. Jimenez is accused of killing 30 year old Missy Hernandez, a.k.a. Missy Perez, who was his girlfriend. Missy has been missing since December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and to this day she has not been found. Based on the investigation thus far, the Fresno County District Attorney's Office is confident it can successfully prosecute this case.

Ramon Jimenez has been in jail since December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. This is due to him being arrested for a previous domestic violence incident. A murder charge was added to his record on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

The last time Missy Hernandez was seen was at an art show in downtown Fresno on the night of December 7<sup>th</sup>. She left the show with Ramon Jimenez. The next day, friends contacted the Sheriff's Office to check on Missy's well-being because they were unable to get ahold of her. They considered it unusual for Missy to not respond in a timely manner. During the early afternoon of December 8<sup>th</sup>, a deputy responded to her home on the 6000 block of S. Chestnut Ave. in Fresno. The deputy did not find Missy, but did make contact with Ramon Jimenez. The deputy recognized Jimenez as a person wanted for domestic violence against Missy in October at this same address. At that time, deputies responded and took a report from Missy, but Jimenez was not located. The deputy took Jimenez into custody on December 8<sup>th</sup> and booked him into jail.

On December 9<sup>th</sup>, friends of Missy went to her house and were able to get inside. Missy was nowhere to be found, but they did find evidence that she may be injured and in need of help. They made a report to the Sheriff's Office. Deputies,

along with homicide detectives and members of the Crime Scene Unit eventually all responded to the home. Through the collection of evidence, Missy's disappearance was considered suspicious. Detectives identified Ramon Jimenez as a person of interest and made a request to a judge that he be held without eligibility for bail, which was approved.

Over the course of the month long investigation, detectives developed an overwhelming amount of forensic and digital evidence. Some of which included DNA indicating a violent act took place at Missy's home. Digital evidence showed possible locations where Missy might be. Deputies searched those places, but were unable to find her. Based on the evidence and the length of time Missy has been gone, detectives have reason to believe she is dead and Jimenez is responsible for her death.

This remains an ongoing investigation and anyone with information is asked to please contact Detective Gary Haslam at (559) 367-4734, (559) 600-8209, or the dispatch center at (559) 600-3111. You may also contact Crime Stoppers at (559) 498-7867, [www.valleycrimestoppers.org](http://www.valleycrimestoppers.org) You will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward.