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Homicide Suspect Wanted by Sheriff's Office Found Deceased

(FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS) — The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office located homicide suspect Jhon Vanegas Romero, 24, deceased.

On October 18, 2024, at approximately 10:14 am, the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to the 8400 block of Jeske Rd. in Needville, Fort Bend County Texas, regarding a deceased male subject observed hanging from a tree in the fence line. When deputies arrived, they found a Hispanic male subject hanging approximately two miles northeast from the 2200 block of Richmond Street in Needville, Texas; the location given on October 14th, 2024, as a possible location where homicide suspect, Jhon Vanegas Romero was last known to be; the vehicle Romero was last known to be driving was located and recovered in that area.

At this time, the deceased subject has been tentatively identified as homicide suspect, Jhon Vanegas Romero, 24, based on the clothing he was wearing, identifiable tattoos on his body, and a passport which was found in his clothing. Romero was seen on October 14, 2024, at approximately 9:10 am on store surveillance footage from a department store in Rosenberg, Texas wearing the same clothing the decedent was found wearing. The subject has two identifiable tattoos on his body which are consistent with the known tattoos of the suspect. Additionally, the passport the subject had in his

clothing has Romero's full name and the image is consistent with the physical appearance of this decedent.

Romero's body was transported to the Fort Bend County Medical Examiner's Office for postmortem examination. Decedent's prints are being run through AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identification System) and DHS (United States Department of Homeland Security) for confirmation of identity.

Romero had been a key suspect in the homicide investigation of his wife, Anyi Montealegre Izquierdo, 23, who was found stabbed to death in their home on October 14, 2024, which prompted an active manhunt.

"We are conducting a thorough review to ensure all procedures are followed and to rule out foul play, however, at this time, this appears to be a suicide," said Sheriff Eric Fagan. "Our thoughts remain with the families impacted by this tragic situation."

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The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office was founded in 1837 and is the largest and most diverse law enforcement agency in Fort Bend County. The Sheriff's Office has over 900 employees, including 615 sworn peace officers and 22 reserve volunteer deputies dedicated to protecting and serving nearly 900,000 Fort Bend County residents. Among the 10 fastest-growing counties in the nation, Fort Bend covers 885 square miles and includes 21 unincorporated communities.

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