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Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office Helps Family Find Closure After 42 Years

(FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS) – The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office is proud to announce the resolution of a decades-long mystery, thanks to the dedicated efforts of Detective Eli Cisneros and the unwavering determination of Jessica Garcia Turcios.

In December 2024, Jessica set out to fulfill a promise she made to her mother: to uncover the truth about her uncle, Miseal Turcios, whose burial location had remained unknown for 42 years. As a child, she learned limited details from her mother about an uncle she had never met. Miseal had left El Salvador at the age of 16, embarking on a journey to the United States with several other young men.

In June 1982, a group of nine individuals, including Miseal Turcios, Roman Turcios, Dionicio Guzman, and Pablo Flores, departed from Santa Rosa de Lima, La Unión, El Salvador, in pursuit of a better life in the U.S. Their journey was marked by hardship—hunger, kidnapping, brutality, and ultimately, murder.

Sometime later, Cruz Ventura, one of the men who had traveled with Miseal, returned to El Salvador and informed the Turcios family of his murder. However, with only limited information

available, they were left with unanswered questions about what had truly happened and where Miseal had been laid to rest.

Determined to find the truth, Jessica contacted multiple agencies during her search for answers. Her call to the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office and Detective Cisneros marked a turning point in the decades-old mystery. Through her persistence and Detective Cisneros's thorough investigative work, the family finally learned the fate of Miseal Turcios, along with Roman Turcios, Dionicio Guzman, and Pablo Flores. They had been murdered by members of a street gang. The investigation also uncovered the location of their final resting place.

On January 17, 2025, Jessica and her family traveled to Fort Bend County to visit the gravesite. Detective Cisneros provided crosses for the family to place on the previously unmarked graves, and FBCSO chaplains prayed over the Turcios family during an emotional moment of reflection and healing.

"I appreciate Detective Cisneros's work, time, professionalism, and for simply going beyond his duty to provide us with the information we needed to finally have closure," said Jessica.

The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office remains committed to supporting the community and providing compassionate service to those in need.

"This case is a powerful example of the impact that dedication and teamwork can have in bringing closure to families searching for answers," said Sheriff Eric Fagan. "We are proud to have played a role in helping them find the answers they deserved."



Detective Cisneros with Turcios Family

Turcios family at gravesite



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About the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office

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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