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El Paso Man Charged With Ruidoso Murder

Ruidoso: –On January 28, 2008, State Police filed charges against an El Paso, Texas man, 36 year old Guillermo Ruiz, charging him with an open count of murder, four counts of tampering with evidence, abandonment or abuse of a child, and false imprisonment, in connection with the bizarre murder of a 20 year old Ruidoso woman, Anabel Calzaba Alvarado.

Investigators say that on or between the dates of December 17 and 18, 2007, Ruiz met with Alvarado in the parking lot of the Inn of the Mountain Gods Casino in Ruidoso, New Mexico. They drove to a secluded area in the woods where Ruiz attempted to have sex with Alvarado, while her two year old son Brian, slept in the rear of the vehicle. Investigators say Alvarado refused aggressive advances by Ruiz which angered Ruiz. Ruiz struck Alvarado and forced her out of the vehicle where he then stabbed her to death. He then wrapped her in a blanket and transported her to his mother's home in El Paso, Texas, where he changed clothes and cleaned up. During this time, he left the two year old child in the vehicle with his dead mother. Investigators say Ruiz then transported them into Juarez, Mexico where he doused Alvarado's body with gasoline and set her on fire in an attempt to destroy evidence. He later left the two year old boy to wander the streets of Juarez alone, until a woman encountered and helped the child. The following day Ruiz drove back to El Paso where he set his vehicle on fire to destroy evidence. He later called the El Paso Police Department and reported his vehicle had been stolen. The El Paso Police Department eventually determined that Ruiz set his vehicle on fire and filed a false report. They arrested him and charged him with those crimes. During the course of the investigation, Ruiz admitted to the killing of Alvarado. The Mexican authorities had also televised photos of two year old Brian and received identification from family residing in Mexico. Mexican authorities believed the burned body was that of Alvarado. Alvarado's mother was contacted in Ruidoso and positively identified the body.

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Ruiz initially claimed he killed Alvarado in Juarez, but when he learned that he would most likely be turned over to Mexican authorities, he stated he actually killed her in Ruidoso, New Mexico. New Mexico State Police and FBI were able to locate the crime scene in Ruidoso through directions given by Ruiz. At the crime scene, police discovered two separate locations of blood and a black wallet containing a Mexico voter registration card bearing the photo and identity of Anabel Calzaba Alvarado.

An Otero County District Judge has issued an arrest warrant for Guillermo Ruiz and set bond at one million dollars. Ruiz remains in an El Paso, Texas jail awaiting extradition to New Mexico.

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