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Police Arrest Two Suspects In Homicide of Columbia Man *Arrest Warrant Issued for Third Suspect*

Howard County police detectives arrested two suspects yesterday evening in connection with the homicide of a 40-year old Columbia man. Jerman Avelar, 27, (dob: 10/27/75) and Marcus Moran, 31, (dob: 05/24/72), both of 9654 White Acre Road in Columbia, were charged in the stabbing death of Rigoberto Zavala, 40, of the 6500 block of Quiet Hours in Columbia.

On Tuesday, August 12, at about 2:24 a.m., police received a call from a person who indicated that a friend had been killed. Officers arrived on the scene and found Zavala deceased in his apartment. Zavala had been stabbed numerous times.

Detectives charged Avelar with one count of First Degree Murder, one count of Second Degree Murder and one count of First Degree Assault. Moran was charged with three counts of Accessory After The Fact.

Both Avelar and Moran are currently being held at the Howard County Detention Center. Avelar is being held on no bond status and Moran is being held on \$1,000,000 full bond status.

A third suspect, who has been identified as Elmer Antonio Galvan-Giron, also known as Jose Rivera or Marcos Escobar, Hispanic male, 32 (dob: 08/18/70) is still being sought in connection with Zavala's slaying. An arrest warrant has been issued for Galvan-Giron. He is described as 5'8", 176 lbs., black hair, brown eyes, and has a tattoo of crossed knives on his upper right arm. Galvan-Giron is known to frequent the Columbia area as well as the Langley Park section of Prince George's County, MD.

A \$2,000 reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest of Galvan-Giron. Anyone with information concerning his whereabouts is asked to contact the Howard County Police Department at (410) 313-3200 or (410) 313-2220.

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Editor's Note: A Wanted Flyer and a Community Meeting Flyer have been sent via e-mail to media outlets throughout the region. Both flyers are also available on the Howard County Police Department's Web site at www.hcpd.org by clicking on "News Room".

