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828-3521

On November 7, 2009 at approximately 11:03 p.m., Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department officers responded along with emergency medical personnel to a call at East San Miguel Avenue and Vornsand Drive reporting that two men had been injured when a home made bomb detonated in the desert nearby. Officers arrived and discovered a male, approximately 17 years of age, who had sustained trauma to his right hand and arm. A second man, approximately 44 years of age, was located in the desert area north of Puebla Street and east of Valmark Drive suffering from burns and trauma to his face and neck. Both were transported to a local hospital. The 17 year old is expected to recover. The 44 year old died of his wounds.

Investigation revealed a blast site and the suspected remains of an explosive or incendiary device in the desert not far from where the 44 year old man was found. The two are alleged to have made the device and taken it into the desert area. Both were in close proximity to the device when it detonated.

On November 9, 2009, an Arrest Warrant was issued for 17 year old Mario Labrato, a resident of Souther California visiting Las Vegas, on the charges of Murder, Possession of a Component of Explosive or Incendiary Device with Intent to Manufacture an Explosive or Incendiary Device, Possession of Explosive or Incendiary Device and Willful Wanton Disregard with Substantial Bodily Harm or Death. Mario Labrato was booked through the Clark County Detention Center. Bail has not yet been set. No photograph of Labrato is available, it may be several days before one is available.

The identity of the 44 year old victim will be withheld pending positive identification and notification of his next of kin by the Clark county Coroner's Office.

Anyone with information about this murder is urged to contact either detectives in the Homicide Section at (702)828-3521 or Crime Stoppers at (702) 385-5555.