



NEWS RELEASE

TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

P.O. Box 1748, Austin, Texas 78767

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

October 31, 2009

Sheriff's Office Conducting Homicide Investigation In Northeast Travis County - Updated

On October 31, 2009, at 3:44am, Sheriff's Deputies were called to 6716 Starcrest Lane. The caller said they found a family member deceased on the front porch of the home. Deputies arrived to find a Hispanic Male deceased. He was pronounced deceased by Austin/Travis County EMS at 4:08am.

Detectives believe the victim had been shot but are awaiting an examination by the Medical Examiner's Office to determine a cause of death and the positive identity of the deceased man.

Detectives have located and taken,

Orbelin Benitez, Date of Birth 3-31-1975,

into custody as a suspect in this case. He has been charged with Murder, Felony 1.

Anyone with information about case is asked to call Detective Alan Howard at 512-854-4976 or Crime Stoppers at 472-TIPS (472-8477).

Media Note: The punishment for a 1st degree felony is imprisonment in the institutional division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for not less than 5 years and not more than 99 years or life and up to a \$10,000.00 fine. This is the 5th homicide investigated by the Travis County Sheriff's Office in 2009.

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