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MEDIA RELEASE

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On Monday, August 24, 2009 at approximately 8:34 p.m. the Garden City Police Department Communications Center received a 911 call from a female at 4101 East Highway 50 Lot 508, Garden City, KS. The female was crying and said she needed the police, but did not say why.

An officer of the Garden City Police Department was nearby and responded to the location shortly after the call was received. When the officer approached the residence, he was advised by three individuals standing outside that there was a female who had been murdered inside the mobile home. When the officer entered the residence, he discovered Maria Montoya (55-years-old, of 4101 East Highway 50 Lot 508) lying on the kitchen floor with apparent injuries to her chest. Finney County EMS and the Finney County Coroner responded and pronounced Maria Montoya dead at the scene. In addition to finding the victim, the initial officer who responded also located Luis Montoya (52-years-old, of 4101 East Highway 50 Lot 508) outside the residence.

Through the initial investigation, detectives believe Luis Montoya and Maria Montoya, who are brother and sister, were involved in several arguments throughout the day over responsibilities within the home. During the last such argument, Luis Montoya allegedly grabbed a knife from the kitchen and stabbed Maria Montoya in the chest. Luis Montoya was lodged in the Finney County Jail on an allegation of murder in the first degree.

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