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Second Man Charged in 2005 Cold Case Homicide

Abilene, Texas – A second man has been arrested for a 2005 north Abilene homicide. A warrant for First Degree Felony Homicide was issued on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, for 43-year-old Jose Angel Morales, currently in the Tom Green County Jail, on unrelated charges.

In April of 2005, an altercation between the victim Bobby Knox Beck, and unknown Hispanic males led to Beck being stabbed multiple times outside a home located in the 1900 Block of North 5th Street. Beck died of his injuries.

The case went cold for several years. The Abilene Police Department Cold Case Detective revisited the case, and through new technology, DNA results came back as belonging to two suspects, Marco Ramos and Jose Angel Morales, from evidence recovered at the scene. Ramos was charged with First Degree Homicide in October 2022.

Morales is being held on a bond of \$200,000. Ramos has since bonded out of jail.

The Department would like to thank the Department of Public Safety Crime Lab, the Tarrant County Medical Examiners Crime Lab, and the Taylor County District Attorney's Office for assisting in both of the murder warrants on the two suspects.



Jose Angel Morales



Marco Ramos
(charged in 10/2022)

Respectfully,

Rick Tomlin

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