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## Arrests in City of Berkeley's First Murder of 2007

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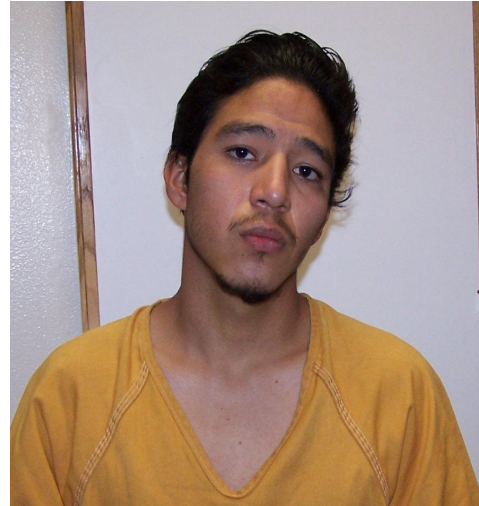
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**Juan Carlos Cruz**  
10/12/88



**Victor Lozano Ramirez**  
12/28/87

**Berkeley, California (Friday, September 28, 2007)** - City of Berkeley Police Department (BPD) Homicide Detectives have arrested the two men responsible for the May 6, 2007 murder of Agustine James Silva Jr., 19, of Antioch. **Juan Carlos Cruz, 19**, of Oakland and **Victor Lozano Ramirez, 19**, of San Pablo have been charged with 187(a) PC in connection with Silva's death. Cruz was in custody at Santa Rita County Jail for an unrelated Oakland Police Department arrest when charged with the homicide. Ramirez was in custody for an unrelated assault with a deadly weapon arrest by East Bay Regional Park Police. Both men are Sureño gang members.

On May 6, 2007 at approximately 6:30 am, an employee of a Berkeley business called BPD regarding a man lying in the roadway in the area of Second and Cedar Streets. The intersection of Second and Cedar Streets is located in an industrial section of northwest Berkeley. BPD patrol officers found Silva unresponsive at the scene. Berkeley Fire Department (BFD) paramedics pronounced Silva dead shortly after their arrival. The Alameda County Coroner determined that Silva died of multiple blunt force trauma injuries.

BPD Homicide Detectives note that cooperation from witnesses and DNA evidence recovered at the scene was instrumental in the closure of the case. Detectives prefer not to share a possible motive at this time. This was the City of Berkeley's first murder of 2007.

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