

CITY OF
DESERT HOT SPRINGS



**POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Desert Hot Springs, December 30, 2025:

On Sunday, December 28, 2025, at about 7:31 p.m., officers responded to reports of gunshots heard in the 66000 block of Avenida Cadena. Officers arrived on scene and found a male subject who had been struck by gunfire while inside a vehicle. The male was pronounced deceased at the scene. Desert Hot Springs Police Department Detectives responded to the scene and assumed the investigation. The victim has been identified as Francisco Lemus, 34 years old, of Riverside County.

On December 30, 2025, Desert Hot Springs Police Detectives arrested Michael Dodd, 19 years old, in the city of Lancaster, California. Dodd was booked into jail in Riverside County for PC 187, Murder. While this investigation is still ongoing, there are no outstanding suspects.

Anyone with further information is asked to contact Detective Celia Romero at (760) 329-6411 extension 394 or at romero@dhspd.com. If you wish to remain anonymous you can call Crime Stoppers at 760-341-STOP.

