

CITY OF
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Arrest Made in Sunline Bus Murder

Desert Hot Springs, July 30, 2022:

On Friday July 29, 2022, at approximately 6:03 PM, Desert Hot Springs Police Officers responded to a call for a disturbance on a Sunline Bus in the 66300 block of Mission Lakes Blvd in the city of Desert Hot Springs. Upon the arrival of the first patrol officers, they located an adult male victim on the bus suffering from stab wounds. Officers attempted life saving measures until the arrival of CalFire and EMS crews. The adult male victim was pronounced deceased on scene. The suspect in the incident fled the scene prior to the arrival of police. DHSPD Detectives arrived on scene and assumed the investigation.

On Saturday July 30, 2022, DHSPD Detectives identified the suspect in the murder as Israel Perez (42) of Desert Hot Springs and obtained a warrant for his arrest for PC 187 - Murder. With the assistance of the Riverside County District Attorney's Office Gang Impact Team (GIT) and the United States Marshals Fugitive Task Force, Israel Perez was taken into custody without incident in the City of Imperial at approximately 3:30 pm, less than 24 hours after the murder.

Detectives subsequently executed a search warrant in the 10000 block of Cactus Drive, in Desert Hot Springs. Perez was later booked into the Riverside County Jail in Indio where he remains in custody in lieu of \$1,000,000 bail.

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