



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ)  
INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT CRIME ANALYSIS UNIT (ISCAU)

**REQUEST FOR SIMILAR**

December 14, 2001



**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SHERIFF S DEPARTMENT**  
**MURDER**

**SUSPECT:** Unknown

**PHYSICAL:** Hispanic male; 5'9"; 160 lbs.; and black curly hair

**CLOTHING:** Tan shorts; a burgundy jacket; and a black baseball cap with a star on the side

**WEAPON:** Bodily force and ligature strangulation devices (an electrical cord and metal hanger)

**VEHICLE:** Unknown

**INFORMATION:** The San Bernardino County Sheriff s Department is requesting assistance in locating information on similar crimes in which a suspect, fitting the above description, rapes, robs, and murders his victims. He is believed to be a recent transient from Jalisco, Mexico.

**MODUS OPERANDI SUMMARY:** The suspect targeted a woman that was alone and entered the victim s place of work, which was a bakery, at or near closing. Once inside the place of business, the suspect used bodily force to overpower the victim. During the incident, the victim sustained a vertical laceration on the bridge of her nose, possibly a result of having her head shoved through a display case. The victim was then taken to a storage closet where her lower clothing was removed and she was sexually assaulted (DNA results are pending). During the commission of the attack the suspect placed two ligature strangulation devices around the victim s neck, which eventually lead to the victim s death. The ligature strangulation devices consisted of a cut electrical cord and a metal hanger. Both of the ligature strangulation devices had their ends tied at the back of the victim s neck. The victim s purse and cash receipts from the business were missing.

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