

**LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
MEDIA RELEASE**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE
RELEASE**

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Robbery/Homicide Bureau
828-3521

On December 20, 2007 at approximately 8:43 p.m., an officer with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department was in the 700 block of Aster Lane, when a citizen advised that there were several people laying on the ground in front of an apartment, with multiple wounds. Three people were found suffering from apparent stab wounds. Emergency medical personnel responded and transported them to the University Medical Center for treatment. One of the victim's, a 46 year old female, was later pronounced dead as a result of her wounds.

Homicide Detectives were summoned and determined that the three victims resided in an apartment at 700 block of Aster Lane with a woman and her boyfriend. It is alleged that the boyfriend attacked the victims with a large knife and fled. He remains outstanding.

The suspect has been tentatively identified as Victor Cruz, a Hispanic, male, adult, approximately 30 - 35 years of age, he is described as being approximately 6' to 6'3" in height, weighing approximately 200-230 pounds, having brown hair with grey streaks or patches, brown eyes, and was last seen wearing a red and white shirt. He is also known to use the nickname of "Jaime" and the last name of Garcia. He is believed to have come to the United States from El Salvador. His current whereabouts are unknown. He is to be considered armed and extremely dangerous. If seen, do not approach him, call 911 immediately.

The two surviving victims, a 27 year old male, and his 12 year old sister, remain at UMC in critical condition. The deceased victim was their mother.

Anyone with information about this crime or knowing the whereabouts of Victor Cruz (Jaime or Garcia) is urged to contact the Homicide Section at (702) 828-3528 or Crime Stoppers at (702) 385-5555. A reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible for these crimes. Again, Victor Cruz is a suspect in these crimes, he is to be considered armed and extremely dangerous. If seen, do not approach him, call 911 immediately.

A photograph of Victor Cruz taken in October, 2007, is attached.



Victor Cruz