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DA'S OFFICE FILING CHARGES IN THE MURDER OF NORMA LOPEZ, DEFENDANT TO BE ARRAIGNED THURSDAY AFTERNOON

RIVERSIDE – The Riverside County District Attorney's Office is filing one count of murder with a special circumstance allegation of kidnapping against a Long Beach man in connection with the 2010 murder of 17-year-old Norma Lopez.

Jesse Perez Torres, DOB: 5-10-76, is scheduled to be arraigned at 1:30 p.m., **THURSDAY, Oct. 27, 2011**, in Dept. 41 at the Hall of Justice in Riverside. No case number is available at this time.

Torres was arrested after being pulled over by police near his apartment in Long Beach on Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011. He was booked at the Robert Presley Detention Center in Riverside. Torres was very briefly released and then rearrested outside the jail the evening of Monday, Oct. 24, 2011. That was necessary so the DA's Office could complete a review of the case prior to making a final filing decision.

Norma Lopez was walking from summer classes at Valley View High School on July 15, 2010, when she was abducted. Her body was found in a nearby field five days later.

At the time of the crime, Torres lived in a home on a Moreno Valley street which the victim walked past the morning she was abducted. Torres owned an SUV at the time which matched the description of a vehicle witnesses described seeing in the area of the abduction. Torres moved from Moreno Valley to Long Beach in about August 2010.

No other details about the case will be released as this is an ongoing investigation.