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FATHER ARRESTED FOR DEATH OF INFANT SON

WHO: Jose Ruiz-Lopez (Arrested)
DOB 10-1-84
304 S. Corona Ave. #6
Clearwater, Fla.

Anthony Ruiz-Portal (Victim)
DOB 9-17-09

WHAT: 2nd Degree Murder

WHEN: Arrested on October 24, 2009 at 9:30 p.m.

WHERE: Clearwater Police Department
645 Pierce Street
Clearwater, Fla.

WHY: Clearwater Police Homicide Detectives arrested Jose Ruiz-Lopez for the murder of his 5-week-old son. During the course of the investigation, detectives learned the infant's mother and father were involved in a domestic dispute on the night of October 23, 2009. The suspect battered the mother and held her against her will. The mother was able to escape from the house. While she was gone, the suspect shook the infant and hit his head against the tile floor. The autopsy revealed the infant died from blunt trauma.

See Release 09-141 for additional details.

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