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Media Release

To: All Media Outlets
From: Det. Jennifer McFarland
Public Information Officer
Date: November 13, 2006
RE: Homicide Fugitive Arrested

Latah County Sheriff's deputies arrested Alberto Sanchez Lomeli (33) on a fugitive warrant out of California for homicide on 11/12/2006 at 00:55. Deputies had been called to the Slurp n' Burp Tavern at about 23:18 on 11/11/2006 after Pullman Police Department told them they had been contacted by a citizen who saw Lomeli at the tavern. The citizen recognized Lomeli from a stabbing incident that had occurred in Pullman last week. Lomeli remains in the Latah County Jail awaiting extradition to California on the homicide charges.

Deputies arrived at the Slurp n' Burp Tavern at about 23:29, and spoke to a witness who said Lomeli had left the tavern in a gold Pontiac van with California license plates. Deputy Greg Pannell located the van at Syringa trailer park and spoke to a man who identified himself as Arturo S. Arias. Deputies ran Arias' identification and found that it returned as an alias for Alberto S. Lomeli, a 33 year-old illegal immigrant wanted in San Joaquin, California for homicide. Deputy Pannell and Corporal Darren Johnson detained Lomeli and took him to the Latah County jail. At the jail, pictures of Lomeli sent by Lodi (California) Police Department and the Pullman Police Department confirmed Lomeli's identification as did Moscow Police Department Sergeant Pete Comstock through fingerprint examination. According to Cpl. Johnson, "Moscow Police Department was instrumental in verifying the suspect."

Lomeli was arrested and booked on the fugitive warrant out of California and awaits extradition at the Latah County jail.

A booking photo of Lomeli is available to media agencies upon request.

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