



# HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## Media Release

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**Subject:** Death investigation update

A suspect connected to two suspicious deaths in the area of the Ettersburg Junction has been arrested in Chico.

Ulisses Rodriguez, 24, of Chico, was detained by the Chico Police Department on Aug. 20, 2018, at about 7:25 a.m., following a traffic stop near the intersection of Esplanade and East Eaton Road in Chico. Rodriguez was later arrested and booked into the Butte County Jail on a no bail warrant for two counts of homicide, criminal threats and exhibiting a firearm, in connection to the Humboldt County deaths. Rodriguez will be transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility for prosecution.

The two victims, a 31-year-old female and a 32-year-old male, are pending positive identification through DNA analysis. To protect the integrity of the investigation, the two victims' cause of death will not be released at this time.

Humboldt County SWAT and Sheriff's Office investigators also served a search warrant on Aug. 20 at a property on China Creek Road in Southern Humboldt to gather evidence related to the deaths. The investigation is ongoing.

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the Chico Police Department for their assistance in apprehending Rodriguez and accommodations as investigators continue their investigation in the Chico area.

Anyone with information about this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office at (707) 445-7251 or the Sheriff's Office Crime Tip line at (707) 268-2539.