

Man admits to beating, stabbing girlfriend to death

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HILLSBORO, Ore. — Originally believed to be a missing persons case, Juanita Rosales-Garcia was not thought to be endangered when she disappeared March 9. Later developments with the discovery of a body prompted police to reclassify the case as murder, and on Friday they arrested her live-in boyfriend after he admitted to beating and stabbing her to death when she threatened to leave him.

Delfino Hurtado-Navarette (HPD photo) and his alleged victim, Juanita Rosales-Garcia Rosales-Garcia, 40, was reported missing on March 10 by her boyfriend.

Her vehicle was discovered abandoned in a parking lot at 1050 SW Baseline Street, and on April 3 an Oregon State Police trooper discovered a female body in a wooded area near Moreland and Dorlands Roads near North Plains in Washington County.

“While the body has not been positively identified, investigators believe it is likely that of Ms. Rosales-Garcia,” police said.

According to a news release, after the body was discovered and during another interview with detectives, the boyfriend, 37-year old Delfino Hurtado-Navarette, confessed to beating and stabbing her to death.

Hurtado-Navarette was taken into custody and lodged in the Washington County jail and has been charged with a single count of murder.

The investigation by the Washington County Major Crimes Team and Hillsboro Police Detectives is continuing.

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