

Antonio Sanchez

Sanchez, 16, was shot and killed about 9:30 p.m. April 19, 1994, while with friends in an apartment at 23901 N.E. Halsey St.

Personal background:

Sanchez, from Oaxaca, Mexico, was living with an aunt and two others at the apartment complex and had been enrolled at Gresham High School.

Circumstances:

There were six young Hispanics in the apartment the evening of April 19; Sanchez and three others were at a kitchen table. Witnesses told detectives that Sanchez had offered a .38 caliber handgun for sale but no one was interested. Witnesses said one of the people at the table, Benito Ortiz, 19, picked up the gun, spun the cylinder, put the gun to his head and pulled the trigger. It did not fire. Then he pointed the gun at Sanchez, pulled the trigger and the gun fired. Everyone, including Ortiz, fled the scene. Police found Sanchez dead on the kitchen floor when they arrived 10 minutes later.

The continuing investigation:

Ortiz's car was later found abandoned at Northeast 60th Street and Columbia Boulevard in Portland. A warrant was issued June 1, 1994, for his arrest on accusations of manslaughter. He has never been located. Investigators are interested in finding out where he might be living.

Contact:

The Multnomah County Sheriff's Cold Case Team is interested in speaking with anyone who has information relating to this homicide. Please contact investigator Pieter Van Dyke at 503-251-2449 or call the tip line at 503-251-2404.