



Murder suspect charged with new felony

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A Decatur man in jail on a murder charge was recently charged with another felony offense from the Aug. 25 incident.

According to jail records, Miguel Aguilar-Garcia was charged Dec. 19 with the second degree felony offense of tampering with or fabricating physical evidence human corpse.

Aguilar-Garcia, 28, was arrested Sept. 18 in Del Rio and charged with murder in the Aug. 25 shooting death of Juan Carlos Cano Chavez, 42, of Bridgeport.

The incident happened on a Sunday afternoon in the 3000 block of Farm Road 920 south of Bridgeport at the location of what investigators say was an illegal cock fighting ring. Officers responded and found Cano Chavez at the location dead from multiple gunshot wounds to his upper body.

The arrest warrant affidavit connected with the latest charge provides more details about what took place at the time of the shooting.

According to the affidavit, investigators spoke with Aguilar-Garcia's brother, Martin Aguilar, who said Cano was shot "close to the front passenger side of the defendant's vehicle."

Investigators said the evidence shows Cano was found away from where the vehicle had been parked.

"According to the crime scene photo log, it appeared Cano was lying further away from the front passenger side of the vehicle," the affidavit states. "According to the photo log, it appeared there were drag marks from the location Cano was shot to approximately 8 feet away from the location Cano was shot."

The investigator states in the affidavit that he concluded Aguilar-Garcia "moved Cano away from the defendant's vehicle so the defendant could operate the vehicle and quickly leave the scene."

Two witnesses told investigators they saw Aguilar-Garcia shoot Cano Chavez, but they gave slightly different accounts, according to the arrest warrant affidavit that was released to the public last October.

A sheriff's office investigator interviewed Gabriel Huerta who stated he was with Cano Chavez at the residence when an argument turned into a physical altercation, according to the affidavit.

"Huerta stated he was on the ground fighting with Andres Duran. Huerta quickly glanced at Cano and saw the defendant, Miguel Aguilar-Garcia, standing behind Cano. Huerta heard a single gunshot and saw Cano on the ground," the affidavit states.

The officer later interviewed Armando Pacheco, who was also at the location at the time of the shooting. Pacheco said Cano Chavez had his weapon drawn during the incident.

"Pacheco stated he saw Cano with a handgun and was pointing the handgun at Duran's head exchanging words.

Pacheco saw Aguilar-Garcia walk up to Cano and shoot Cano. Pacheco then heard another gunshot," the affidavit states.

Wise County Sheriff Lane Akin said the initial verbal argument was over money before it became physical and ended with gunfire.

Huerta, Pacheco, Duran, Aguilar and Aguilar-Garcia were among the seven people charged with cock fighting causes or earns and engaging in organized criminal activity.