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Unidentified body located in remote Manson area

Sheriff Brian Burnett reports on August 27, 2014 Chelan County Sheriff's Detectives recovered the remains of an unidentified male in a remote part of Manson, Washington. Detectives responded to the scene to recover the body and collect any information leading to the cause of death for the unidentified male. Due to the condition of the body Detectives are not currently able to determine the time of death, the male's age or his race.

Detectives are currently working to identify male, the time of death, and why the male was in the remote location.

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Sheriff Brian Burnett reports on December 8, 2014 Chelan County Sheriff's Detectives arrested 55 year old Benito C. Sedano in connection with the unidentified remains located in Manson, Washington on August 27, 2014. Sedano was booked into Chelan County Regional Justice Center for Kidnapping 1st degree and Assault 1st degree.

The male located on August 26, 2014 was identified as 33 year old Ignacio Ramirez. Ramirez died from multiple gunshot wounds and was buried in a shallow grave in a remote area of Manson. Through their investigation, Chelan County Detectives learned that on August 24, 2014 Sedano contacted Ramirez and his friend at an orchard cabin located in a trailer in Manson, WA. Sedano was armed with a pistol when he approached Ramirez and his friend. There was a brief conversation before Sedano forcefully kidnapped Ramirez. Sedano forced Ramirez into Sedano's vehicle and drove him to an unknown location. Ramirez was not seen or heard from again until his remains were located on August 26th.

On December 8, 2014 the Chelan County Regional SWAT Team, along with Okanogan County SWAT, and Chelan County Detectives executed a search warrant at Sedano's residence in Manson. Detectives recovered weapons, ammunition, and other items that could possibly be evidence related to the homicide of Ramirez. The investigation continues and Detectives are still actively investigating the incident.

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