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Woman found dead in dumpster

Public's help sought in investigation

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Law enforcement officials are seeking the public's help as they investigate the death of a woman whose body was left in a dumpster.

The Tom Green County Sheriff's Office received a call about 2:54 p.m. Tuesday saying a body had been discovered in the 1000 block of Cactus Lane, according to public information officer Christina Lopez.

The Sheriff's Office, along with the Texas Rangers, responded to the location



Camille Garcia

Garcia, or has had any contact with Garcia in the past week, please contact the

and found the body of 24-year-old Camille Garcia, according to a news release by the Sheriff's Office.

The incident is being treated as a homicide.

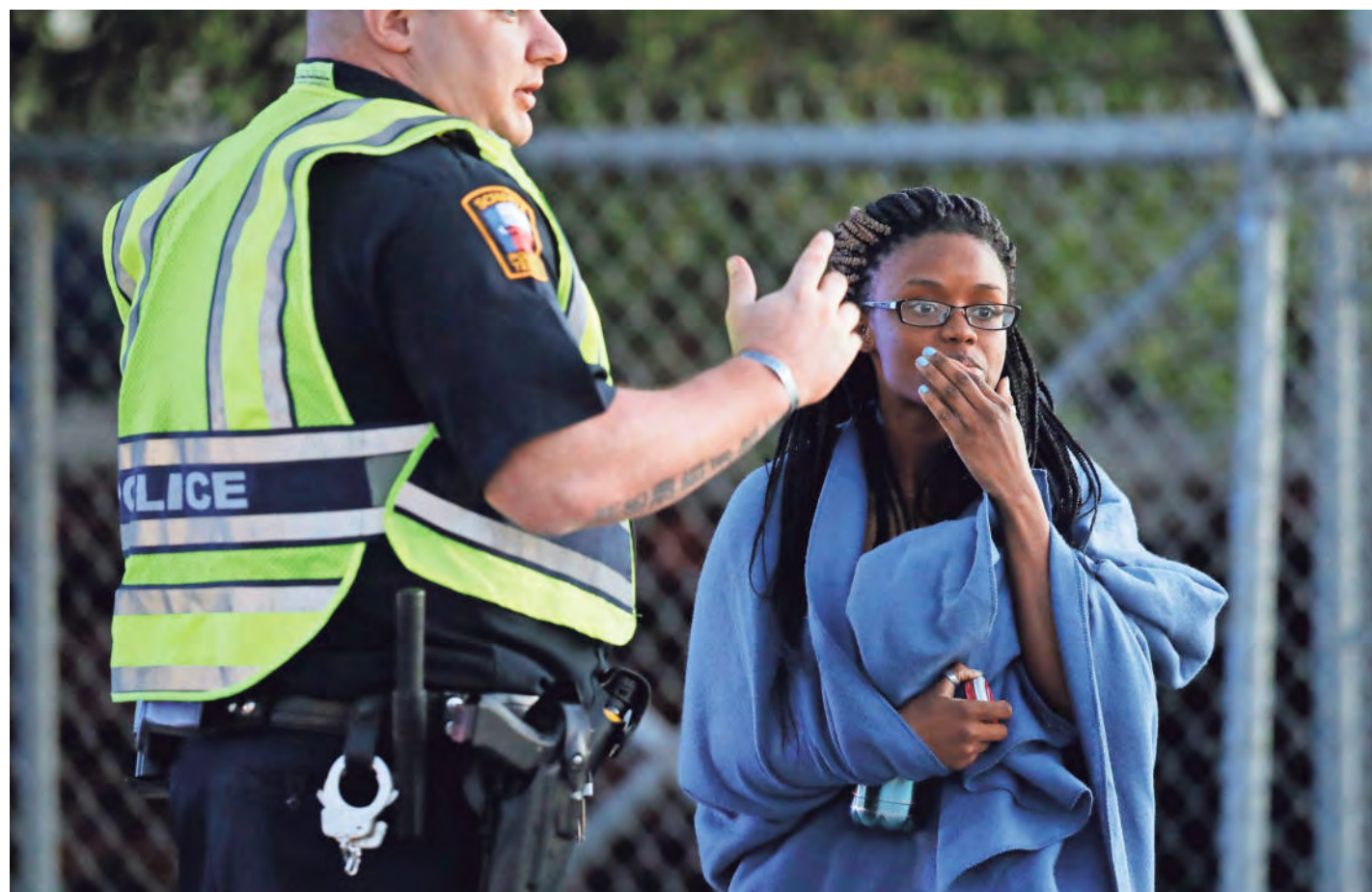
"Anyone who has been acquainted with or knows Garcia, or has had any contact with Garcia in the past week, please contact the

Tom Green County Sheriff's Office as soon as possible," the release said.

Sgt. Andrew Alwine, the lead investigator, can be contacted at 325-655-8111 or at the Sheriff's Office, 222 W. Harris Ave.

"Any information on Garcia could be helpful to the investigators," the release stated, "so please assist us in bringing the perpetrator or perpetrators of this homicide involving this young mother to justice."

'Huge sigh of relief' after weeks of fear



An employee wrapped in a blanket talks to a police officer after she was evacuated at a FedEx distribution center where a package exploded Tuesday in Schertz. ERIC GAY/AP

Bombing suspect in Austin area dies in explosion

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AUSTIN — The fear finally began to recede in Texas' capital city and surrounding communities in the predawn hours Wednesday as word spread that the man believed responsible for five random bombings in the area had died in an explosion of his own making.

"It's a huge sigh of relief," said Nate Powers, who lives not far from the stretch along Interstate 35 in the sub-

urban town of Round Rock where 24-year-old Mark Anthony Conditt was

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Authorities find explosives inside suspect's home. **USA TODAY, 6A**

Carter addresses crime rate in the city

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Depending on who you ask, San Angelo's crime rate is either skyrocketing out of control or has been exaggerated because of misleading numbers.

During a Tuesday meeting of the San Angelo Pachyderm Club, Chief of Police Frank Carter, one of two invited guest speakers, used the last portion of his presentation to address a 24/7 Wall St. report that listed San Angelo as a city where violent crime was swiftly rising.

The report reviewed FBI data for nearly 200 metropolitan areas nationwide and placed San Angelo at No. 25 in its "25 cities where crime is soaring."

"While violent crime has remained relatively flat nationwide over the last five years, in San Angelo the crime rate rose from 251 incidents per 100,000 residents in 2011 to 334 per 100,000 in 2016 — one of the largest increases of any metro area," the report stated.

Despite the spike in crime, the article stressed that San Angelo's violent crime rate is still lower than the national rate of 386 incidents per 100,000 Americans.

Carter asked those in attendance if they had seen the story. Many in the audience raised their hands affirming they had.

"As a mayor, as a city council member, as a citizen, as a business member, and last but not least as the chief of police, that (report) is not what you want to see," Carter said. "I can assure you that we're working very diligently."

Carter then spoke with candor and addressed the numbers behind the story.

"I'm not going to make excuses," Carter said, "but there are some problems with this (report)."

The data cited in the article was gathered from 2011-16. Carter presented a slide listing the number of offenses in San Angelo in 2015 at 4,646 and in 2016 at 5,537 incidents.

"In 2016, it showed us at a 19 percent increase," Carter said, then went on to explain an issue that might have inflated the numbers.

To handle 911 emergency calls, the department had been using software from Intergraph that was installed in 1999 and needed to be replaced. The City Council approved the upgrade to Spillman software in December 2014, and it was in place by summer 2016.

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Jury sees photos of slain girl's injuries

Medics: Heart stopped during ambulance ride

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Graphic photographs showing the fatal injuries on a 5-year-old girl's neck shook a Tom Green County courtroom Wednesday.

When prosecutors presented the photos, there wasn't a dry eye among jurors hearing the case of Isidro Miguel Delacruz, 27, who stands accused of capital murder in the death of Naiya Villegas, his ex-girlfriend's daughter.



Isidro Delacruz

The images showed two deep lacerations on the girl's neck as well as cuts on her chin and cheek.

On Wednesday, the third day of the trial, several paramedics with the San Angelo Fire Department testified about their efforts to save Naiya on Sept. 2, 2014.

"The wound was not bleeding" when paramedics arrived, said Justin Neely. "But we noticed she was trying to breathe — barely breathe."

Medics said Naiya was taking 2 breaths per minute, but a child of her age should take about 30 breaths per

minute.

The child wasn't bleeding anymore because she had either bled out or the wound stopped bleeding, according to testimony.

"Her body was decompensated," meaning she was struggling to breathe and had a dangerously weak heartbeat, Neely said. "Her pulse was dying on the drive to the hospital."

Neely said the child's heartbeat stopped during the drive. He said she essentially died in the ambulance.

Naiya was taken to the Shannon Medical Center at 2:58 a.m. Doctors declared her dead at 3:16 a.m.

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Threat of mass shootings is defining fear for students in new poll. **6A**

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to the Jehu Hernandez household of San Angelo. Thanks for reading us.

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