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For Immediate Release

The Mesa County Coroner's Office has completed its examination regarding the death of Octavio Vargas-Herrera, a 25-year-old male resident of Grand Junction. Mr. Vargas-Herrera was in the Mesa County Jail awaiting trial for the alleged murder of his wife, Jenna Vargas, on March 14, 2010. Mr. Vargas-Herrera was found hanging in his jail cell at 11:55 PM last evening by jail personnel. The cause of death was ***Asphyxia due to Hanging*** and the manner of death was ***Suicide***.

The law enforcement agency overseeing this investigation is the Mesa County Sheriff's Office. Please contact them for any further details.

Thank you