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Big Oak Road and Deer Trail

Big Oak Road in Crestline is a steep, shady street dense with pine trees and lined with wooden cottages and private driveways. It is a quiet street where, in the middle of the day, blinds are drawn over the windows and there is very little foot traffic.

About three-hundred feet up the road's steep incline, Big Oak intersects with a smaller, winding, side-street called Deer Trail that feels like it was only built wide enough for one car to drive down at a time. Along both streets are multiple signs posted on trees and fences that read "NO TRESPASSING," "PRIVATE PROPERTY," "NO PARKING" and "KEEP OUT." There are no sidewalks. In the soft shoulders running along Deer Trail, there are patches of crusty snow hiding in shadow beneath pine-needle covered rocks.

On Saturday, Dec. 14, at approximately 8:15 a.m., deputies from the Twin Peaks Sheriff's Station responded to the report of a man with blonde hair wearing a black In-N-Out sweater, blue jeans and white shoes discovered lying in a driveway of a residence in the 700 block of Deer Trail.

San Bernardino County Fire personnel also responded to the location and pronounced the male victim, later identified as Rim of the World High School student Kaleb Aurelio, 16, deceased.

A coroner investigator responded to the location and found that the victim had a gunshot wound. Investigators from the Specialized Investigations Division, Homicide Detail, were requested and responded to the location to conduct the investigation.

Investigators identified a nearby resident, Joshua Camacho, 36, as a possible suspect responsible for the death of the victim. Investigators obtained a search warrant for Camacho's residence in the 700 block of Big Oak Road, Crestline.

Two unnamed residents of Big Oak Road said that they heard nothing the night before, nor the morning of the murder.

"I don't know anyone around here and I didn't hear anything," one resident said.

Deputies from the Specialized Enforcement Division (SED) were requested and responded to assist in the investigation.

On Sunday, Dec. 15, a search warrant was served at Camacho's residence, and evidence was located connecting him to the murder. Deputies from SED located Camacho at a residence in Orange County, he was transported to Sheriff's Headquarters and interviewed by homicide investigators.

At the conclusion of the interview, Joshua Camacho was booked into the Central Detention Center for PC187 (murder). The motive remains under investigation.

A former employer of Camacho's in Crestline said that they were "happy to see [Camacho] go" when he quit his job a few years ago. The same unnamed source described Camacho as "a bodybuilder" and said that he had become "dissatisfied" with his job leading up to his resignation.

Camacho is due in court on December 20, at 8:30 a.m. at the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino Justice Center, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415, Department S2.

The mother of Kaleb's girlfriend, Jana Summerville, acquired the Aurelio family's permission to start a GoFundMe page to help with the expenses from their sudden loss.

"There are no words to describe what they are going through," Summerville wrote on the GoFundMe page. "The details surrounding his death aren't fully known at this time, and an investigation is ongoing. Please consider that his family, and everyone who loves him will be reading any comments that you make here. Please keep them in your prayers. Thank you for your help."

An outpouring of community support is subsequently displayed in the comments section of the GoFundMe page. At the time of press, Summerville has rallied the community to raise over \$8,000 for the Aurelio family. According to the GoFundMe page, all of the money donated will be given to Aurelio's father, Adam Aurelio, and step-mother, Annie.

On Tuesday, Dec. 17, Rim of the World High School released the following statement regarding the events of Dec. 14:

"Rim of The World High School is sad to report that it has confirmed the death of one of its students, Kaleb Aurelio, with the Twin Peaks Sheriff's Department and the deceased's family. Kaleb, a 16-year-old tenth-grade student, was a victim of a homicide in Crestline on December 14, 2019. Funeral arrangements are not available at this time. School counselors and community mental health representatives are available to any student or staff member who wishes to talk about Kaleb's death. Law enforcement is currently conducting an active homicide investigation and has made an arrest of an adult. For additional information, please see the Twin Peaks Sheriff Twitter account. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his family and friends."

A candlelight vigil for Kaleb was organized by his family and friends and held in the Lake Arrowhead Village on Wednesday, Dec. 18.

To make a donation to the Aurelio family, visit the GoFundMe page at www.gofundme.com/f/please-help-the-family-of-kaleb-aurelio.

Anyone who may have information about this investigation is asked to contact the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department – Homicide Division, Detective Gerad Laing or Sergeant R. Smith at (909) 387- 3589 with reference to Case No. DR# 051901909 / H# 2019-133.

Callers wishing to remain anonymous can contact We-Tip at 800-78-CRIME or www.wetip.com.

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