

Middlebury Police Department

MEDIA RELEASE

27 February 2008 6:00 p.m.

Subject: Missing Person Investigation – Nicholas Garza, age 19

The investigation into the disappearance of Nicholas Garza continued today. No new information was developed as to his whereabouts or the manner and cause of his disappearance.

Reward Announced - \$20,000 for information leading to the Safe Return of Nicholas Garza

Carole and Juli Sund and Silvina Pelosso were the three women sightseers who were missing and later found murdered near Yosemite National Park in February of 1999. While they were missing, Carole Sund's parents, Francis and Carole Carrington, at the request of the FBI, posted rewards both for their safe return and for information leading to the whereabouts of their rental car. The Carringtons believe that the posting of these rewards and the media attention they received, contributed to the car being located and gave them the first break in their case. They were thankful that they had the financial means to offer these rewards and it's because of this that they started **The Carole Sund/Carrington Foundation**. This foundation was established to assist families such as the family of **Nicholas Garza** who are in similar circumstances as the Carrington's in that **Nicholas** is a missing person. **The Carole Sund/ Carrington Foundation** is offering a **\$5,000** reward for information leading to the safe return of **Nicholas**. If a homicide has occurred the reward will automatically revert to the arrest and conviction of the person/persons responsible for the crime.

The reward has been boosted by an additional \$15,000 through donations made in the Albuquerque area

We know that reward money can make a difference because the foundation's reward money has already assisted in the location of nine missing persons and the apprehension of 37 murder suspects, and 3 kidnapers of young children, and one suspect charged with attempted murder of a peace officer. We currently

have 37 suspects in custody in ten states. To date the Foundation has paid a total of **\$262,600** in rewards to citizens who did the right thing by coming forward and sharing the information they had regarding these cases. We all have a responsibility to do our part to help make our community a safe place. To support the family and law enforcement in this effort, please call 1-888-813-8389 and donate to the Foundation's reward fund. If you know anything about this case contact **INVESTIGATOR BOE OF THE MIDDLEBURY POLICE DEPARTMENT. By phone at 802-388-3191 or be e-mail at vboe@police.middlebury.vt.us**

Thomas Hanley
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