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COLTON: Coroner releases name of slaying victim

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Coroner's officials have released the name of a 26-year-old West Covina man who was shot to death this weekend during a confrontation in a Colton river wash that is a popular off-roading area.

Relatives drove Victor Manuel Avendano to Riverside Community Hospital at 8:52 p.m. Sunday from the area near Miguel Bustamante Parkway and Agua Mansa Road in Colton, coroner's officials said in a written statement. He died at the hospital an hour later.

Other members of the group drove a second victim to the same hospital. He suffered non-life threatening injuries. His name has not been disclosed.

"He was released (from the hospital) within a couple of hours," Detective Shawn McFarland said today.

McFarland declined to discuss details of the incident, but said police haven't identified a specific suspect and are still tracking down leads. Anyone with information may call McFarland at 909-370-5075.

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Over the years I've done some off roading. Mostly quads in the last decade. Generally it was out near Parker or Bullhead City Az. Average riders out there are good people, but you never can tell. When we would encounter another group, we would always be leery about their intentions - mostly whether or not they were willing to follow the paths and directions the rest were already abiding by. Nothing worse than some jerk flying down a mountain that an 11 year old is trying to go up.

More and more, jerks are willing to ruin an activity for all the others with crap like this.

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Most of the people down there are just off roading and having fun. It's stuff like this that ruins it. This is why the city/county wants no one down there, if they were smart they would charge people to go in, but anyway it does sound like there's more to the story. Either way so much for going to the Santa Ana river for awhile it's a good spot. They don't even live around here and they ruin it for people like me who live less the 3min from there and just wanna off road.

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Off roaders my buttocks...sounds like gang/drug activity to me. But I'm sure someone will swear they were having bible study down there while preparing for Harvard this fall, and it's all law-abiding gun owners who are at fault. JMHO

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