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Calgary Police Service lay two counts of second-degree murder charges against Guevara Wilson Clorina, aged 26

Calgary Police Service officers have charged Guevara Wilson Clorina, aged 26 with two counts of second degree murder following the death of 35 year old Cona Manzano and her 5 year old son Gabriel Manzano. On Thursday at about 12:50 p.m. police received a 911 call from a neighbor of Chona Manzano. Upon entering the house, police found both Chona and her son in serious medical distress, and both died at the scene.

Guevara Wilson Clorina was tracked down by the Didsbury RCMP, and is now in custody and charged with their murders. He is believed to be related to the deceased, though not an immediate family member. He didn't reside in the same residence, though was in the home.

Domestic and sexual violence are unnecessary crimes of violence in which someone makes a deliberate and calculated choice to hurt another individual. These crimes are wrong in every way and have substantial impacts on individuals and communities as a whole. "We can see from this tragedy that anyone in the home can be a target of violence. Our sadness is particularly heightened when a child is involved" says Kevin McNichol, Executive Director of HomeFront. Lisa Falkowsky, Executive Director of the Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter, emphasizes the impact of the tragedy on the entire community. "Today friends, neighbours, family members and others who knew and came in contact with these two victims are mourning and impacted."

As a community it is important for us to stand together and say that domestic and sexual violence are crimes that are inexcusable and that we need to move forward collectively to increase awareness, understanding and take action. "We recognize the importance of having bystander intervention and we are thankful when individuals recognize domestic violence and come forward to address these crimes and bring awareness of them to their communities" says McNichol, "One of the things we have found over the 13 years of a coordinated justice response in Calgary is that when the big systems know about a family affected by domestic violence, we can take steps to prevent potential domestic homicides."

"The huge social costs that result from domestic and sexual violence affect everyone" Says Christine Berry, Director of Family Violence Prevention Initiatives at Calgary Counselling Centre. "We must support families in unhealthy home environments, raise awareness about healthy relationships and collectively respond to these crimes as serious, significant and preventable."

Falkowsky underscores the need for collective action. "If you think you know someone – a family member, a friend, a colleague or a neighbour who may be abused -- please call the 24 hr Family Violence Helpline 403-234-SAFE (7233) to find out how you can support those now living with abuse. Counseling, safety plans and programs and services are available to both victims and perpetrators. It's everyone's responsibility to help end family violence in our community."

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If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic or sexual violence, help and support is available. Please call the Calgary Police Service at 911, Connect Family & Sexual Abuse Network 403-237-5888 (Toll Free:1-877-237-5888); 24-hour Family Violence Helpline 403-234-SAFE (7233); Family Violence Information Line 403-310-1818 (Toll Free); Distress Centre 403-266-HELP (4357) to access information, help and support for your needs.

The Calgary Domestic Violence Collective (CDVC) is a collective of over 50 community partners working to provide a coordinated response to domestic and sexual violence prevention and intervention in Calgary. It works to help prevent



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domestic and sexual violence through increased public awareness, education, and improved legislation. Partners include:

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