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**LOUIS FLOREZ, alias Martin Florez**

On the night of August 16th, 1915, shortly after 9 P. M., Officer Pete Howard of this department was brutally murdered by two Mexicans described herewith.

Information obtainable tends to show that he had placed Louis Florez under arrest, following his refusal to be searched, and was marching him towards call box. At a dark spot on Franklin Street midway between place of arrest and call box he was attacked from behind and mortally wounded by Joe Estapa alias Joe Stopper alias Mexican Joe alias Pete Martinez. Evidence indicates that he was then assaulted by both and an examination of his body shows conclusively that he was cut with two different dirks, one slightly larger than the other. He was terribly gashed on the back, chest and throat. Of the nine wounds on his body, three or four would have proven fatal. Following attack he staggered some few feet and died in short time, being barely able to mutter a meager description of his murderers.

At the time of his death Officer Howard was wearing two of the three following described guns: One 45-caliber COLTS automatic No. 3980, blue steel, wooden handles; one 45-caliber COLTS revolver, old style, blue steel; one 32-caliber LUGER special automatic. Following attack he was relieved of these guns by his murderers. At the scene of the murder a light color Stetson hat was found. The officer's hat, a large black Stetson bought of Washer Brothers, this city, has not been found and it is presumed that same was worn away by one of the Mexicans. This hat will contain holes made by the wreath worn in front crown.

**DESCRIPTION:**

LOUIS FLOREZ alias MARTIN FLOREZ (Photo appearing above)—Twenty-six years of age. Five feet eight inches tall. Weight, one hundred fifty pounds. Very light complected for a Mexican.

JOE ESTAPA alias JOE STOPPER alias PETE MARTINEZ alias MEXICAN JOE (Photo not obtainable)—Twenty-three years of age. Five feet nine or ten inches tall. Weight, one hundred sixty pounds. When last seen was wearing blue overalls and blue coat. Bite scar on lobe of one ear. Bite scar just above second joint right thumb. Very light complected for a Mexican. Small light moustache.

These Mexicans will most likely associate with negro prostitutes. They are criminals at heart and will not hesitate to kill any officer if given the slightest opportunity. Watch railroad yards and notify your Pawnshops to be on the lookout for above described property.

The above reward is offered by this department for the arrest and conviction (POSITIVE IF ARRESTED) of above described Mexicans. Your efforts towards their arrest and detention will be highly appreciated.

**CULLEN BAILEY,**

Chief of Police.

FORT WORTH, TEXAS, August 19, 1915.