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Man Charged in Griffith Park Body Parts Case

A man was charged today with the murder of his 66-year-old roommate whose body parts were found in Griffith Park two years ago, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Gabriel Campos-Martinez, 38, (dob 6/15/75), was charged in case BA422242 with one count of murder. Campos-Martinez was arrested Sunday in San Antonio, Texas. He is being held on \$1 million bail and awaiting an extradition hearing.

Two women found a man's head in Griffith Park near the Hollywood sign on January 17, 2012. A subsequent search of the area also turned up other body parts that were later identified as Hervey Coronado Medellin, who had been reported missing.

A felony complaint alleges Medellin was killed on or about Dec. 27, 2011. Deputy District Attorney Bobby Grace of the Major Crimes Division said Campos-Martinez and Medellin were roommates for about six months.

A coroner's report said Medellin died as a result of asphyxiation and ruled the death a homicide, Grace said.

If convicted, Campos-Martinez faces 25 years to life in state prison.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department Robbery-Homicide Division.

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