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**Murder Charge****Is Dropped in****Miranda Slaying**

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Authorities dropped a murder charge yesterday against a man jailed in the slaying of Ernesto Miranda, but he remained in Maricopa county jail, accused of being an illegal alien.

Fernando Zamora Rodriguez, 23, was booked for investigation of homicide.

The Maricopa county attorney's office turned down the case yesterday for insufficient evidence, and the murder charge was dropped from the booking slip. Detectives continued their investigation, however.

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