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The Allen County Coroner's Office was notified of a death investigation at the Coliseum Inn Motel at 1020 North Coliseum Boulevard, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46805, on Tuesday, December 24, 2019, at 19:10 hours. The next of kin has been notified and the autopsies have been completed. A Daniel Mendez-Lopez, a male, hispanic, age 32, was located on the floor of a motel room suffering from stab wounds. Daniel Mendez-Lopez, was pronounced deceased at the scene.

A second victim, Alfonso Mendez-Lopez, a male, hispanic, age 26, was located on the second floor walkway, suffering from stab wounds. Medics transported Alfonso Mendez-Lopez to a local hospital where death was pronounced.

The Cause of Death for both individuals is Stab Wounds of the chest and the Manner of death is Homicide.

Daniel Mendez-Lopez is the 27th homicide, and Alfonso Mendez-Lopez is the 28th homicide, for Fort Wayne and Allen County in 2019.

The incident remains under investigation by the Fort Wayne Police Department, Allen County Prosecutor's Office, and the Allen County Coroner's Office.

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