

Stanislaus County  
**SHERIFF'S  
DEPARTMENT**

Sheriff Adam Christianson  
250 E. Hackett Road, Modesto, CA 95358



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**NEWS RELEASE  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**SHERIFF'S DETECTIVES INVESTIGATING HOMICIDE**

**Modesto, CA** – Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department investigators are conducting a homicide investigation after first finding a 61-year-old Modesto man seriously injured at the side of the roadway on Monday evening.

Deputies and emergency medical technicians responded to the Global Auto Body Parts located in the 500 block of South 9<sup>th</sup> Street in Modesto at approximately 5:32 p.m., as callers reported that a person had been assaulted with a deadly weapon. Paramedics rushed the man to a local area hospital; however, they were unable to resuscitate and pronounced him dead. Detectives within the Robbery and Homicide Unit of the Sheriff's Department responded in order to further the investigation.

The victim was identified as Modesto resident Manuel Romero Vibanco. Authorities have been able to determine Vibanco's cause of death; however, the case is still open and details specific to his injuries will not be released at this time. Detectives continue to actively follow leads and are identifying and interviewing all possible witnesses.

Anyone with information to help further this investigation, or whom may have come into contact with Vibanco in the days leading up to his death, are urged to contact Det. Frank Soria. He can be reached at 525-7080. Those that wish to remain anonymous may call Stanislaus County Area Crime Stoppers toll free at 1-866-602-7463 or locally at 209-521-4636.

For information regarding this press release please contact Deputy Luke Schwartz (209) 652-0211 (tschwartz@stanislaussheriff.com).

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