

Stanislaus County  
**SHERIFF'S  
DEPARTMENT**

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250 E. Hackett Road, Modesto, CA 95358



**MEDIA RELATIONS**



**NEWS RELEASE  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**DATE** 2-2-10  
**TIME** 1:15 PM

**MAN ARRESTED ON MURDER CHARGES AFTER ROAD RAGE**

**Turlock, CA** – On 2-1-10 at about 1200 hrs, Deputies were dispatched to the 1700 block of Paulson Rd for a medical aid call. Paramedics arrived on scene and transported the victim to Emanuel Medical Center prior to the arrival of law enforcement. Deputies responded to the hospital and learned the victim's injuries were reported to be as a result of an assault.

The victim was listed in serious condition and taken into surgery for his injuries. Due to the victim's condition, Homicide Detectives were notified and responded to continue the investigation. Detectives were notified by hospital staff early this morning that the victim had died from his injuries. The victim was identified as Kenneth Winter, a 67 year-old Hilmar resident.

Witnesses identified Michael Hoyt as the person who assaulted the victim. The attack reportedly occurred in the middle of the roadway in the 1700 block of Paulson Rd.

Michael Hoyt was detained without incident at a residence close to the scene of the crime. He was transported to the Sheriff's Department, where he was interviewed and initially booked on felony assault charges. His charges were amended early this morning upon notification of the victim's death. Michael Hoyt is currently being housed at the Stanislaus County Jail without bail on a charge of homicide.

Det. Hatfield said, "We believe there are additional witnesses to this crime and we would like to talk to those witnesses concerning this case."

Anyone with information about this case is encouraged to contact at Detective Hatfield at (209) 525-7100.

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