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PRESS RELEASE

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Shooting Victim Found in His Home

Modesto, CA - At 1:50PM on March 25th Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department went to the 2500 block of Paradise Rd, Modesto for a person who had been shot. The fiancé of Gregory Bettencourt, 51 of Modesto, arrived home to find him shot inside his residence. Bettencourt was pronounced dead at the scene. During the investigation Detectives located video surveillance showing a vehicle pulling into a nearby market at approximately 10:58 AM. The vehicle is similar to a light colored 86 Toyota Celica with a dark colored hood. Two male subjects, wearing dark hooded sweatshirts, get out of the car and walk toward the victim's residence. The driver remained in the vehicle. A short time later the vehicle leaves without the two subjects. Detectives located a legal marijuana grow at the residence and are unsure at this time if it is related to the shooting.

No arrests have been made at this time. Detectives are requesting assistance identifying the vehicle and subjects in the video for questioning.

Detectives are requesting that anyone with information about this case or the subjects in the video to please contact Detective Darwin Hatfield at (209)525-7100. Callers can also leave an anonymous tip by calling Crime Stoppers at (209) 521-4636. Tipsters can also e-mail tips at <http://www.modestopolice.com/CrimeStoppers>, or text them to CRIMES (274637) by typing "Tip704" plus the message and be eligible for a cash reward.

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