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PRESS RELEASE

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Second Arrest Made in the 2009 Gas N Shop Homicide

Modesto, CA – 22 y/o Ernesto Morales Jr of Merced, CA has been arrested. Morales was the second Gas N Shop homicide suspect from 2009. He was apprehended by the Merced Multi-Agency Gang Task Force on Tuesday (11-08-11) at 2:00 PM while he was at Merced College. Morales was booked at the Stanislaus County Jail later that afternoon.

Anyone with information about this case can 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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