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PRESS RELEASE

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Sheriff's Detectives Identify Victim in Homicide Investigation in Empire, CA

Empire, CA – On 09/26/11 at approximately 8:00 PM Sheriff's Deputies responded to a 911 call of shots fired in the 5100 Block of Inland Avenue in Empire, CA. When deputies arrived they found 16 y/o Rosendo Robles of Riverbank with a gunshot wound. He was transported to a Modesto, CA hospital where he later died of his injuries.

Robles and two other 17 y/o males were driving around Empire, CA when their vehicle was shot multiple times by an unknown suspect on Inland Avenue. Robles and a second juvenile were struck by the gunfire. The second juvenile's injuries were non-life threatening and the third occupant was not injured. The driver of the vehicle was able to make it to Estates Drive and crashed into a car parked on the side of the road.

At this point in the investigation Sheriff's Office detectives are trying to determine what led up to the shooting. They do not have suspect information at this time and are investigating this as a gang related homicide.

Anyone with information about this case can contact Detective Cory Brown 209-567-4485. 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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