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PRESS RELEASE

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Detectives Searching for Murder Suspect After Late Night Shooting

Modesto, CA – At 9:30 PM last night, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Deputies responded to 911 calls of a shooting in the 2000 block of John St in Modesto. The 911 dispatcher updated the responding deputies that they were being told a person had been shot. When deputies arrived on scene, they located a crime scene in the 2000 block of John St, but no victim was found. Witnesses told deputies that family members took the victim to the hospital in a private car.

As family members were attempting to drive the victim to the hospital, they stopped a Modesto Police Officer at 10th St and J St in downtown Modesto to ask for help. The officer noticed the victim in the car and called for EMS personnel to respond to his location. The officer also started providing first aid to the victim. The fire department and EMS personnel arrived on scene and transported the victim to the hospital. The victim, identified as 34 year-old Luis AGUIRRE of Modesto, died from his injuries at the hospital early this morning.

Detectives working throughout the night interviewing witnesses and processing the crime scene, have identified 27 year-old James JAIMES (04/18/1984) of Sacramento as the suspect in this case. JAIMES is described as a Hispanic male, 5 foot 8 inches tall, with brown hair and brown eyes.

The Stanislaus County Sheriff's Investigations Division is currently following up on all leads in this case. Anyone with information on this investigation is encouraged to call Stanislaus County Detective Darwin Hatfield at 209-525-7083.

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