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PRESS RELEASE

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Update: Pregnant Shooting Victim Dies From Injuries

Modesto, CA – Soheila ESQUIVEL (DOB 08/17/1992), the victim of last Friday nights shooting, died from her injuries yesterday at a Modesto hospital. The shooting occurred on Friday June 10, 2011 shortly after 11PM at the intersection of Vernon Ave and Robertson Rd in West Modesto. Deputies responded to multiple reports of occupants of one vehicle shooting at the occupants of another vehicle. Deputies arrived on scene and located the victim vehicle in the intersection of Robertson Rd and Carpenter Ave. Inside the vehicle, deputies found ESQUIVEL who was injured by gunfire and started first aid.

ESQUIVEL was in the vehicle with her husband, but she was the only one who was injured. After interviewing witnesses, detectives believed that someone from the suspect's vehicle was the only one shooting at the victim's vehicle. Detectives also believed this incident was possibly gang related because the victim's husband is a documented gang member and both ESQUIVEL and her husband were wearing the colors associated with his gang.

The only description on the suspect(s) is they were driving a dark colored newer model car with chrome wheels.

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 Sheriff's Detective Frank Soria at 209-525-7080 or CRIME STOPPERS at 209-521-INFO (4636).

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