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PRESS RELEASE

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Sheriff's Detectives Investigate Homicide on Crowslanding Road

Modesto, CA – On Monday August 22, 2011 at about 5:20 PM Sheriff's Deputies responded to a shots fired call at 1511 Crowslanding Road in Modesto, CA. When the deputies arrived they found a male in his early twenties lying on the ground in the parking lot with gunshot wounds. AMR arrived to the location as well and the male was pronounced dead at the scene.

Sheriff's Office homicide detectives began investigating the incident and worked late into the evening interviewing witnesses to figure what lead up to the death of the young man. The victim has been identified as 16-year-old Alberto Beraza of Modesto, CA.

Sheriff's Detectives and Ceres Police Department were able to develop information on a person they believed was involved in the incident. He was identified as Saul Hernandez 33 of Modesto; CA. Hernandez was later arrested and booked at the Stanislaus County Jail for homicide.

Detectives continue to work on the homicide and ask that anyone with information about this case can contact Detective Jon McQueary at (209) 525-7099. 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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