PRESS RELEASE

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Person of Interest in City of Patterson Homicide

Patterson, CA –Stanislaus County Sheriff's Detectives are asking for the public's help in locating 26-year-old Victor VALDOVINOS, a person of interest in the shooting death of 19-year-old Jesus GALLARDO in the City of Patterson Wednesday evening. VALDOVINOS is described as a Hispanic Male, 5' 11", 220 lbs, with black hair and brown eye. He is known to frequent the Patterson and Merced County area.

The homicide occurred on Wednesday January 4, 2012 at about 6:30 PM at Felipe Garza Memorial Park in Patterson, CA. Sheriff's Deputies responded to a shots fired call at the park and located the victim deceased in the park with gunshot wounds. Detectives do not have any suspect information at this time, but do believe the shooting was gang related.

Detectives ask that anyone with information about this case or the whereabouts of Victor VALDOVINOS to contact Detective 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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