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## HOMICIDE SUSPECT IN CUSTODY

**Modesto, CA** – On October 20, 2009, at approximately 5:40 PM, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to the 800 #BLK Lombardo Ave, located in an unincorporated area of Modesto to investigate the report of shots fired. Prior to deputies arriving, additional witnesses phoned in to dispatch to report multiple shooting victims.

As deputies arrived on scene they were unable to locate any victims, but did find signs of a crime scene. During this time deputies learned of a shooting victim that was privately transported to an area hospital. This victim was pronounced dead as he arrived at the hospital.

The victim, whose name is being withheld, was a 16-year-old male. Detectives responded to the hospital and eventually determined the victim was related to the original incident on Lombardo Ave.

A second victim was also located in the area. The 29 year-old male was treated at an area hospital for non-life threatening injuries.

Deputies at the crime scene immediately cordoned off a two-block area to preserve evidence. Detectives worked throughout the night processing the area and recording any evidence that was located.

During subsequent interviews detectives developed suspect information. The suspect was identified as a 16 year-old male. The suspects name is not being released, as he is a minor. The suspect was located and is currently in being held at the Stanislaus County Juvenile Hall on charges of murder and assault with a deadly weapon.

Anyone with information about this case is encouraged to contact Detective Hatfield at (209) 525-7100. Callers can also leave an anonymous tip by calling Crime Stoppers at (209) 521-4636 and be eligible for a cash reward.

For information regarding this press release please contact Deputy Andrew Winter (209) 652-0300.