

NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE **DATE** 3-7-10 **TIME** 6:00 PM

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SEEKS PUBLIC'S HELP IN IDENTIFYING MURDER SUSPECTS

Empire, CA – On 3-6-10, at approximately 10:45 PM, Stanislaus County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to Antonio's nightclub located at 5700 Yosemite Blvd, Empire, to investigate the reports of an assault with a deadly weapon.

When deputies arrived they located a single victim suffering from a stab wound. The victim was immediately transported to Memorial Medical Center where he was pronounced dead early Sunday morning. The victim has been identified, however, a name has not yet been released pending family notification. The victim is described as a 28 year old, Caucasian male.

Sheriff's Department homicide detectives have been working throughout the night and day processing the crime scene and analyzing witness statements. Detectives believe there are two suspects involved in the stabbing that are still outstanding.

The suspects are described as two Hispanic males in the early-mid twenties with short hair. Detectives received information that the suspects were last seen driving a 2 or 4 door sedan, possibly gray in color, towards the Waterford area.

Anyone with information about this case is encouraged to contact Detective Hedrick 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. Tipsters can be eligible for cash rewards.

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