



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES/FELONY BATTERY CASES**

The San Jose Police Dept. is investigating two recent cases in which males were severely beaten for no apparent reason and left lying on a sidewalk. In both cases the males have life-threatening injuries. Although the victims in both cases are Asian, it does not appear that these cases are related.

On Friday, 9-10-04 at 9:19PM, a female cell phone caller reported a bloody male lying on the sidewalk at Brahms Ave. and Edgebank Dr. in East San Jose. Officers arrived at the scene and found 65-year-old Rodolfo Dira suffering from severe head trauma. He quickly lapsed in unconsciousness and was not able to provide any details regarding his injuries. He is currently hospitalized at San Jose Medical Center.

Investigators have learned that Mr. Dira left his residence in the 2500 block of Brahms Ave. at about 8:00PM. He purchased some items at the nearby Food Maxx at 9:02PM and apparently began walking home. He was found beaten and lying on the sidewalk at 9:19PM. Investigators have canvassed the neighborhood but so far no one has reported seeing any disturbance in the area. (Case # 04-254-1029.)

On Tuesday, 9-14-04 at 3:32AM, San Jose Police Officers responded on a call of a male down and bleeding in front of the Denny's Restaurant at Capitol Expwy. and McLaughlin Ave. On arrival, officers located 33-year-old Hoang Pham lying on the sidewalk in front of the restaurant with severe head injuries. He was rushed to San Jose Medical Center where he remains hospitalized.

Investigators have learned that the victim frequents a homeless encampment in the area of Capitol Expwy. and Tuers Rd. A blood trail was found near the bridge at that location indicating that the victim may have been beaten in that area and staggered to the Denny's. A witness reported seeing two Hispanic males standing over the victim as he was lying injured near the trash bins behind the Denny's. Those males got into a blue Acura sedan and drove away before police arrived. Investigators believe that they may be witnesses that stopped when they

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saw the victim lying on the pavement. We are still trying to identify those two males. The victim staggered to the front of the restaurant when the males drove away. (Case # 04-258-0131.)

Investigators are looking for witnesses in both of these cases. We are hopeful that someone passing by either of these locations might have seen something that will assist us in our investigations.

Anyone with any information on either of these cases is urged to call Detective Norene Marinelli or Detective Tim Stephens of the San Jose Police Dept. Assaults Unit at 408-277-4161. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may call Crime Stoppers at 408-947-STOP.

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