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Request for Information Homicide Victim

On Sunday, 12-12-04 at 6:16AM, Ghirmay Frezghi was found murdered at Monroe St. and Tisch Way in West San Jose. This was a particularly brutal homicide. The victim had been stabbed multiple times and his body had been set on fire. It was Ghirmay's thirtieth birthday.

Detectives have not been able to establish a motive or identify any suspect in this homicide. We are trying to determine the victim's whereabouts just prior to his murder. We are releasing a photograph of the victim in the hope that someone might recognize him. Ghirmay, known to his friends as "Jimmy", was Ethiopian, approximately 5'5" tall and 130 lbs. He had long dark hair and earrings in both ears. At the time of his death he was wearing a sweatshirt and corduroy pants.

Detectives are especially interested in hearing from anyone that might have seen the victim anytime on Saturday 12-11-04 or early Sunday morning (12-12-04). The victim's photograph will be available via email or at the SJPD Front Desk.

The victim drove a late 90's model white Dodge Stratus four-door. It had tinted windows and no license plates. That vehicle is still missing. We are asking anyone that sees that vehicle to call 9-1-1 immediately. We can also send via email a photograph of a Dodge Stratus similar to the victim's vehicle.

Anyone with any information on this case is urged to call Detective Sgt. Pete Ramirez or Detective Sean Pritchard of the San Jose Police Homicide Unit at 408-277-5283. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may call Crime Stoppers at 408-947-STOP.

BY: Sgt. S. Dixon #2650
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