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UPDATE   **UPDATE**   **UPDATE**

TYPE OF CRIME: Homicide   **CASE NUMBER:** 04.347.0307
LOCATION: Tisch Way & Monroe St.   **DATE:** 12.12.04   **TIME:** 6:16 AM
VICTIM: Ghirmay Frezghi AKA "Jimmy"   **AGE:** 30 12-12-74
ADDRESS: San Jose Resident

DETAILS:

On Sunday, December 12, 2004, the San Jose Fire Department responded to the area of Tisch Way and Monroe St. on a call of a trash fire on the sidewalk. On arrival, the firefighters extinguished the fire and discovered the body.

Homicide and Crime Scene Investigators responded to the scene. Investigators suspect foul play is involved. The cause of death will be determined by the Coroner's office after they conduct an autopsy tomorrow.

We have not determined the victim's identity. The victim appears to be an African American or Hispanic male in his 20's or 30's. The victim was wearing a sweatshirt and corduroy pants. He also had earrings in both ears.

UPDATE: 12-14-04

Homicide Investigators working with the Medical Examiner have identified the victim as Ghirmay Frezghi of San Jose. Detectives have not yet been able to identify any suspect or motive in this homicide. Detectives are attempting to locate the victim's vehicle, a white late 90's Dodge Stratus four-door. The vehicle has no plates and tinted windows. Anyone locating that vehicle is asked to call 9-1-1 immediately.

Anyone with information is urged to call Detective Sean Pritchard or Detective Sgt. Pete Ramirez of the San Jose Police Department's Homicide Unit at 408.277.5283. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may call Crime Stoppers at 408.947.STOP.

BY: Officer Enrique Garcia #2936   AUTHORIZED BY: Lt. Mike Sterner
DATE: 12.12.04   TIME: 12:00 PM   DATE: 12.12.04   TIME: 12:00 PM

PRESS OFFICER BRIEFED BY UNIT COMMANDER (CIRCLE) **YES** NO