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TYPE OF CRIME: Murder

CASE NUMBER: 05.065.0237

LOCATION: South First St. at Hwy. 280

DATE: 03.06.05

TIME: 3:51 AM

VICTIM: Withheld (Pending Notification)

AGE: 26

ADDRESS: San Jose Resident

SUSPECT: Thomas Eugene Alcaraz

AGE: 24

ADDRESS: Stockton Resident

DETAILS:

On Sunday, 03.06.05, at 3:51 AM, a San Jose police officer saw two cars stop on the on-ramp to southbound Hwy. 280 at South First Street. Approximately five males got out of their SUV and began fighting with two occupants in another car. Once they saw the police officer, all but one of these males ran back to their SUV and fled in the vehicle, leaving the acquaintance at the scene.

The acquaintance began to run away and the driver of the second car fired multiple shots at him. The suspects in the second car then fled the scene, traveling southbound on Hwy. 280. The initial San Jose police officer, joined by additional officers, pursued these suspects. The suspects were eventually apprehended on northbound Hwy. 680 at Sheridan Rd. in Sunol.

In the meantime, additional officers immediately responded to the original scene of the incident in an attempt to locate a victim or potential evidence. They were unable to locate a victim at that time. The suspect was booked into jail for discharging A Firearm In A Grossly Negligent Manner and Felony Evading. The second occupant was released pending further investigation.

On 03.07.05, family members reported the victim missing. Detectives from the Assaults, Juvenile and Missing Persons Unit developed information leading them to believe the missing person may have been associated with the shooting incident near the freeway. These Detectives returned to the scene to search for any additional evidence. They discovered the victim's body in vegetation in an area adjacent to the freeway. Homicide Detectives and Crime Scene Investigators responded to the scene. Homicide Detectives amended the suspect's booking charges to Murder.

Anyone with information on this case is urged to call Detective Sgt. Rob Millard or Detective Tony Mata at the San Jose Police Department Homicide Unit at 408.277.5283. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may call Crime Stoppers at 408.947.STOP.

BY: Officer Enrique Garcia

DATE: 03.09.05

TIME: 5:30 PM

AUTHORIZED BY: Capt. Dan Katz

DATE: 03.09.05

TIME: 5:30 PM

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