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TYPE OF CRIME: Suspicious Circumstances

CASE NUMBER: 05-081-0852

LOCATION: 1705 Monterey Road

DATE: 3-22-05

TIME: 7:39PM

VICTIM: Unknown

DETAILS:

Since 3-22-05, the San Jose Police Department has been monitoring investigations into the source of a partial human finger found in a bowl of chili at a local Restaurant. Several agencies are conducting concurrent investigations. The San Jose Police Department is the lead agency with regards to any possible criminal aspects, should it be determined that a criminal act occurred. The focus in this case is the circumstances surrounding the origin of the finger and the welfare of the injured party (i.e. – industrial accident, unreported homicide, etc.).

One of the investigative steps taken in this case was the service of a search warrant in the Las Vegas, NV area with the assistance of Las Vegas Metro P.D. This is one of many on-going investigative steps that have taken place, including the interviews of Wendy's employees and employees of vendors and other companies who provide products and ingredients to Wendy's Restaurants.

UPDATE: 04-15-05:

Working with the Nye County Sheriff's Office in Nevada, our Detectives were able to obtain fingerprints from the Nevada woman who lost a fingertip when it was bitten off by a spotted leopard. After fingerprint analysis conducted by San Jose Police Department Latent Print Examiners, we have determined that the detached fingertip from the woman does not match the fingertip found at the Wendy's restaurant.

Anyone with any information on this case is urged to call Lt. Stan Faulwetter of the San Jose Police Dept. Bureau of Investigations at 408-277-4521. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may call Crime Stoppers at 408-947-STOP.

BY: Officer Enrique Garcia
DATE: 04-15-05 TIME: 5:00 PM

AUTHORIZED BY: Capt. Dave Keneller
DATE: 04-15-05 TIME: 5:00 PM

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