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UPDATE

TYPE OF CRIME: Homicide
LOCATION: 400 block of Northlake Drive

VICTIM: Withheld (Pending Notification)
ADDRESS: San Jose Resident

SUSPECT: Charles ERNST
ADDRESS: San Jose Resident

DESCRIPTION: Ernst is a WMA, 5-10, thin build, tattoos on his left shoulder and left arm

VEHICLE: Suspect may be driving a 1999 Mercury Mystique, teal in color, CA license 4WAT072, registered to the Victim (Recovered)

DETAILS:

On 11-8-06 at 2:06PM, San Jose Police Officers were dispatched to the 400 block of Northlake Drive to conduct a welfare check on the victim. The victim had previously confided to a close friend that he felt his life might be in danger. Officers arrived at the victim's apartment and discovered the body of the victim.

At approximately 7:15PM, San Jose P.D. Homicide investigators were advised that the victim's vehicle had been recovered in the Redwood Estates area of the Santa Cruz mountains. A person believed to be Ernst was seen running from the area. As of this writing, Ernst remains at large.

Homicide Detectives are attempting to determine a motive in this case.

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UPDATE:

On 11-9-06 at approximately 10:00AM, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Lt. Mark Eastus was patrolling on Highway 17 near Redwood Estates when he observed a subject walking southbound on Highway 17 along the northbound side of the freeway. This subject matched the description of wanted homicide suspect Charles Ernst. Lt. Eastus stopped the subject, determined that he was suspect Ernst and took him into custody without incident. Ernst has since been turned over to San Jose P.D. Homicide detectives.

The San Jose Police Department would like to thank the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office and Lt. Mark Eastus for their assistance in this case. Late last night, the Sheriff's Office committed one Sergeant and six Deputies to the search for this suspect.

Anyone with information on this case is urged to call Detective Sgt. Mike Brown or Detective David Anaya of the San Jose Police Dept.'s Homicide Unit at (408) 277-5283. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may call Crime Stoppers at (408) 947-STOP.

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