Merced Police Department

NEWS RELEASE

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UPDATE

Date and Time: January 1, 2013 @ 9:28am
Location: 1300 Derby Drive
Incident: Homicide
Arrested Person: None
Case Number: 2014-63

The Merced Police Department continues to follow up on the homicide that occurred on January 1, 2014. Detectives have learned that the victim went with his girlfriend/friends to a party in the 1300 BLK of Derby Drive. According to witnesses, the party contained Norteno gang members and it is believed that the Nortenos specifically targeted the victim. At some point, the victim and a couple of his friends ran from the party to a neighbor's house. The victim ran into the backyard where he was shot. The residents of the house called law enforcement, but upon their arrival, officers were directed down the street to the Norteno's party. It was not until later that police learned the victim and his friends had run into the backyard of the other residence. Detectives contacted several people regarding this shooting, and many have been cooperative, unfortunately not all have been forthcoming with known information. Police feel that this case could be cleared if individuals would come forward and provide all known information about the incident and the identity of the responsible(s).

Additional information from witnesses has revealed that the victim and his friends were chased by a group of Hispanic males. The police department encourages individuals to come forward with information that can help bring justice for the victim and his family.

Police Officers are asking anyone with any information regarding this incident to contact Detective Chris Russell at (209) 385-4707, or the Merced Police Department Tipster Line at (209) 385-4725. The public can send information via anonymous text messages to police department by dialing "TIP411" (847411) and including the word "ComVIP" as the "keyword" in the text message.

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