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Press Release

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The Yolo County Coroner's Office has completed the coroner report that includes the forensic autopsy and toxicology analyses on Luis Gutierrez Navarro, a 26 year old Woodland resident who was shot by law enforcement on April 30, 2009 in Woodland, California. As reported previously, a forensic autopsy yielded a Cause of Death as Gunshot Wound of Neck and Lower Head. The Manner of Death was determined as Homicide by the Coroner's Office.

Forensic Pathology

Projectile trajectory: The decedent received a single gunshot wound through the base of his neck. The hemorrhagic entrance wound track originated at the posterior aspect of his right upper shoulder, extended through the muscle of the upper shoulder, through the upper right scapula and right neck muscle. The spinal cord was not injured. The wound track then passed through and completely transected the right external jugular vein, continued through the upper airway and caused fracture of the thyroid cartilage and right side of the hyoid bone, then through the base of the tongue into the mouth. The wound track then

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continued through to the left side of his mandible where it exited. Wound path was back to front, right to left, and upward.

Tattoos and scars: On his anterior left chest, a tattoo "IRMA" was noted. On of the left anterior forearm, a tattoo of "GUTIERREZ" was noted. On his left hand, single dot tattoos were present on the back of his left middle, ring, and pinky fingers. On his right hand; a single dot tattoo was present on the back of his right index finger. Several scars about the right upper arm near the elbow, and two scars at the lateral right shoulder were seen.

Forensic Toxicology

The decedent tested positive for methamphetamine in his blood and urine. From Mr. Navarro's blood, Methamphetamine was quantitated at 420 ng/ml,, and Amphetamine was quantitated at 48 ng/ml. From his urine, Methamphetamine was qualitatively "positive." No alcohol was noted. No other drugs tested for were discovered. According to the NMS Lab's forensic toxicological report, "(Methamphetamine) blood levels of 200 - 600 ng/ml have been reported in methamphetamine abusers who exhibited violent and irrational behavior."

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