



# COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO CORONER'S OFFICE

4800 Broadway, Suite 100  
Sacramento, California 95820-1530

(916) 874-9320  
FAX (916) 874-9257

Robert Lyons  
Coroner

Greg Wyatt  
Assistant Coroner

Edward E. Smith  
Assistant Coroner

Kim Burson  
Assistant Coroner

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
March 26, 2006

**CONTACT:** Ed Smith, Assistant Coroner  
(916) 874-9254 office  
(916) 838-1209 mobile

## ***CORONER'S OFFICE UPDATE ON HOMICIDES OCCURRING OVER THE WEEKEND***

The Sacramento County Coroner's Office received four homicide cases this weekend, March 25 – 26. Due to many inquiries from members of the media, the following update is being released. Additional updates will be made pertaining to the cause of death on two decedents at the completion of the autopsies. Please refrain from calling until Monday, as our deputies are overwhelmed with calls making it difficult to complete the investigations.

On March 25, 2006, **John Johnson**, 46 years old was pronounced dead at the UCD Medical Center at 2050 hours. The subject was shot at 8290 Laguna Blvd. in Elk Grove, CA on March 25. An autopsy has determined the cause of death to be Shotgun Wound of Face. Mr. Johnson is a resident of Elk Grove.

On March 26, 2006, **Ralph Joseph Reynoso**, 18 years old was declared dead at 1201 a.m. on the roadway, directly in front of 5701 Houston Way, Sacramento, CA. The subject was shot at the Houston Way location. An autopsy will be performed Monday or Tuesday. Mr. Reynoso is a resident of Sacramento.

On March 26, 2006, **Hector Manuel Barrera**, 25 years old was declared dead at 0256 hours at 304 U Street, Sacramento, CA. The subject was shot at the U Street address at 0246 hours. An autopsy will be performed on Monday or Tuesday. Mr. Barrera is a resident of Sacramento.

On March 26, 2006, **German Mendoza**, 17 years old was pronounced dead at the UCD Medical Center at 0437 hours. The subject was shot at Arden Way and Bell Street on March 25, at 2312 hours. An autopsy has determined the cause of death to be Gunshot Wound of Pelvis.

Ed Smith, Assistant Coroner  
Coroner's Spokesman

###