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## CORONER'S OFFICE UPDATE

### SUSPECTED WATER INTOXICATION DEATH AND FIRE RELATED DEATH

On January 12, 2007, at 1421 hours, **Jennifer Lea Strange, 28 years old (DOB-10-23-1978)** was declared deceased by Sacramento Metro Fire Paramedics. She was discovered unresponsive by relatives in her home in Rancho Cordova. It was reported that Mrs. Strange had competed in a contest earlier on the 12<sup>th</sup> where she consumed a large volume of water. The preliminary investigation revealed no life threatening medical conditions to explain her sudden death. The preliminary findings of the autopsy are consistent with a water intoxication death but the final cause of death will not be available for several months.

On January 13, 2007, **Scott Earl McPherson, 56 years old (DOB-10-29-1950)** was discovered by Sacramento City Fire personnel and declared deceased at 0716 hours in his residence in Sacramento. A passerby observed smoke coming from the roof of his home at approximately 0700 and called 911. Mr. McPherson was found in the front room of the home unresponsive. He was moved to the front lawn area of the home where he was declared dead. Mr. McPherson lived alone in the home and the cause of the fire is under investigation. An autopsy has not been performed at this time but the preliminary investigation suggests Mr. McPherson died from fire related injuries. An autopsy will be performed in the next 24 to 48 hours.

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