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RONALD N. STRAND, Chief of Police

Press Release

DATE and TIME OF INCIDENT: July 23, 2008.

TYPE OF INCIDENT: 187(a) PC- murder

VICTIM: Not released pending notification of next of kin

SUSPECT: John Edward Griffith IV, 25 year old male. Transient.

LOCATION OCCURRED: Leroy Jackson Sports Complex/ 300 blk E. French Ave.,

On 07/24/2008 at 0245 hrs., Officers of the Ridgecrest Police Department responded to the above location regarding a possible Homicide. Upon arrival Officers found a Hispanic Male adult deceased near the Tennis Courts. No suspects were located at that time.

An extensive and thorough investigation was conducted by Officers and Detectives of the Police Department, with the assistance of the Kern County District Attorney's Crime Lab. As a result of the investigation, a suspect was identified and a BOL was issued to local Law Enforcement Agencies.

At approximately 1500 hrs on this date, Officer Travis Gillette located the Murder suspect in Upjohn Park, 400 blk. E. Upjohn Ave.

The suspect, identified as 25 year old John E. Griffith IV, was arrested without incident. He was later booked at the Kern County Jail in Bakersfield. He is currently in custody without bail.

RONALD STRAND, Chief of Police
PREPARED BY: Captain Paul Wheeler
Thursday, July 24, 2008