



Vacaville Police Department

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Press Release

Today's Date: 3/7/2011
Date & Time Occurred: 3/6/2011 at 11:13 p.m.
Submitted By: Sgt. Jeff King
Phone: (707) 449-5200
Case Number: 11-01607
Type of Crime/Incident: 187 PC, Murder
Location: 300 Block of Berryessa Drive, Vacaville
Suspects: Unknown

UPDATE: VACAVILLE POLICE RELEASE IDENTITY OF HOMICIDE VICTIM

Vacaville police have identified Gumercindo Joel Pena, 18, as the victim in the homicide that took place on Berryessa Drive on Sunday night.

Pena is a long-time resident of Vacaville. It does not appear that Pena has ties to the Berryessa Drive neighborhood where he was murdered and may have just been passing through on his way home when he was shot. A photograph of Pena has been attached to this press release.

The investigation is ongoing and several leads are being followed. Police are trying to contact additional witnesses. Several vehicles were seen leaving the area shortly after the gunshots were heard by residents. Investigators do not think that all of these vehicles were related to the crime but the occupants may have unknowingly witnessed something of importance. Police are asking that anyone driving down Berryessa Drive on Sunday night shortly after 10:00 p.m. contact the police. Police believe these people may not realize that they drove past the scene of the murder, but investigators still need to speak with them. Contact the Vacaville Police at (707) 449-5200 or Detective Vince Nadasdy at (707) 449-5200 if you have any information about this crime or believe you were in the area at the time of the incident.

No suspect information is being released at this time, nor are any other details of the investigation being released. Updated information may be released in the future as the case develops.

INITIAL RELEASE:

Criminal activity can be reported at www.cityofvacaville.com/departments/police, or you can call "Crime Stoppers" and leave an anonymous tip at 707-644-STOP.(7867). Crime Stoppers may pay up to \$1,000 for information that leads to an arrest.



VACAVILLE POLICE SEEK INFORMATION IN DEATH OF 19-YEAR-OLD

Vacaville police are investigating a shooting that left a 19-year-old man dead late Sunday evening.

At approximately 10:13 p.m. the Vacaville Communication Center began receiving numerous calls of shots being fired in the 300 block of Berryessa Drive. Patrol units responded to the scene and found the 19-year-old male victim suffering from several gunshot wounds. The victim was treated at the scene by paramedics and transported by air ambulance to John Muir Hospital. The victim ultimately succumbed to his injuries. The name of the victim is not being released at this time.

Detectives from the Investigative Services Section (ISS) were called out and took over the homicide investigation. It appears that an altercation involving several people occurred in the street just prior to the shooting.

Detectives are handling numerous leads and are asking anyone with any information to call the Vacaville Police Department at (707) 449-5200 or Detective Vince Nadasdy at (707) 449-5200.

