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**FRESNO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DETECTIVES  
CONTINUE INVESTIGATION ON HOMICIDE OF  
TAXICAB DRIVER**

Fresno County Sheriff's Detectives appeal to the community for assistance in the homicide of "INDIO CAB CO" taxicab driver, Rumualdo Arrole Estrada, 35 years of age.

On Sunday, January 5, 2003, Estrada was dispatched to the area of Butler Ave. and Cedar Ave. to pick up a customer and arrived at approximately 1:55 a.m. The cab then arrived at an unknown location notifying his dispatch of the end fare at approximately 2:15 a.m. Indio Cab Co dispatch attempted to contact Estrada via radio about 30 minutes later but were unsuccessful.

At approximately 3:15 a.m., a witness drove past Estrada's taxicab and noticed it on the side of the road located on Maple Ave. and North Ave. The witness later reported the observations but did not give his name. Fresno County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the area and found the victim sitting in his cab deceased. The cab is described as a 1991 green and white Ford Crown Victoria four door. The name of the Cab Company "INDIO CAB CO" is written on the side of the cab in large letters.

Detectives have followed up on several leads but nothing has materialized. Detectives have not determined a motive but believe it may have been Robbery.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Fresno County Sheriff's Detectives John Ciaccio or Sergio Toscano at 488-3111 or Crime Stoppers at 498-STOP.