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**FRESNO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WILL  
RECOGNIZE "MATRICULA CONSULAR"  
IDENTIFICATION CARD**

Sheriff Richard Pierce announced today that a joint press conference with the Consulate of Mexico will be held on February 24, 2003 at 2:30 p.m. in regards to the Matricula Consular identification card. The conference will be held at the Sheriff's Department Headquarters training room on the second floor.

The Matricula Consular is an official identification card issued by the Mexican Government through its Consular Offices, based on the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations to which both the United States and Mexico are parties.

Several cities and counties including their respective agencies as well as many banks and other businesses, throughout California, are accepting the Mexican Consular ID cards as an official form of identification.

Mexican Consul Jaime Paz y Puente along with other representatives from the Consulate of Mexico, Fresno as well as Sheriff's Officials will be present to explain and answer questions regarding the Matricula Consular ID card.