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**Fresno County Sheriff's Department Asking for Public's
Help in Identifying Homicide Victim**

On Friday, July 15, 2005, at approximately 1:30 a.m., a male subject was discovered deceased in an Almond orchard near the intersection of Lincoln and Cedar Avenues, in Fresno County.

The decedent was discovered when fire department personnel were directed to the area on a report of a grass fire. Once the fire had been extinguished, the decedent was found to have been burned beyond recognition. The autopsy revealed that the decedent was a victim of a homicide, although the exact cause of death is not being released at this time.

Detectives are attempting to identify the victim and are asking for the public's assistance. The preliminary description of the decedent is that of a possible light complected male, in his thirties, 5-9, 135 pounds, with a shaved head. The decedent was possibly wearing a black T-shirt, jeans, and socks.

Anyone with information regarding the decedent and / or his activities preceding this incident is urged to call Detective S. Toscano at 488-3722, Detective J. Ciaccio at 488-3730, or Crimestoppers at 498-STOP.