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**Fresno County Sheriff's Department Investigates Homicide  
Near Pine Flat Reservoir**

On Tuesday December 26, 2006 at about 5:00 p.m. patrol deputies were dispatched to a residence in the 34000 block of E. Trimmer Springs Road regarding a victim of a shooting. Upon arrival deputies and citizens performed CPR on the victim until EMS arrived. After EMS arrived the victim was pronounced deceased. The Fresno County Sheriff's Detectives and the Crime Scene Unit responded and processed the scene. The victim has not been positively identified at this time.

Detectives spoke to several citizens who were in the area at the time the shot was fired. Randy Chute (51 years-old) was arrested and booked on one count of murder. The investigation is continuing and anyone with information regarding this case is asked to call Detective Jeff Kertson at 488-3926 or CRIME STOPPERS at 498-STOP(7867).