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**MEDIA ADVISORY: 100 Year Recognition For First
Fresno County Sheriff's Deputy Killed In The Line Of Duty**

In recognition of the on-duty death of Fresno County Sheriff's Deputy Joseph "Joe" D. Price, a memorial will be held on Tuesday, March 13th, 2007. The memorial will be held on the 100 year anniversary of Deputy Price's death.

Deputy Price, who had only been with the Sheriff's department for two months, had been stabbed to death after a prisoner had overpowered him. Deputy Price had arrested the suspect near Centerville, California for stealing a horse & buggy. During the arrest, the suspect attempted to shoot Deputy Price but the gun misfired several times before he was taken into custody. Because Deputy Price had no handcuffs, he used rope to restrain the suspect. Deputy Price's body was later found with a fatal stab wound to the neck. The suspect fled the scene and was never apprehended. The suspect was also a prime suspect in the murder of Fresno Police Officer, Harry Van Meter three weeks earlier. Deputy Price was killed on his 32nd birthday. He was survived by his mother, brother and sister.

Fresno County Sheriff Margaret Mims, and Sheriff Chaplain Bill Hale will speak at the memorial. A flag folding ceremony will also be performed by the Fresno County Sheriff's Honor Guard, and the flag presented to surviving family members of Deputy Price.

The memorial will take place at the Mountain View Cemetery, 1141 W Belmont Ave in Fresno at 12:30pm. A reception will follow at the Fresno Deputy Sheriff's Association Office, 1360 N. Van Ness Ave. in Fresno.