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**MEDIA ADVISORY: Reedley Kidnap: UPDATE**

Fresno County Sheriff Margaret Mims announced today that the 15 year old juvenile suspect involved in the kidnap of 17 year old Ester Nieves was arrested last night at approximately 9:30pm in San Jose, California. He has been cooperating with Sheriff's investigators.

The juvenile had apparently been dropped off in the San Jose area by the other suspect, 18 year old Juan Carlos Martinez. At that time, Nieves was still in the gray Honda four door used in the kidnap. The San Jose area is the last known location of Martinez and Nieves.

Investigators are also looking for an Asian female that may have been the driver of the vehicle during the kidnap.

On the evening of 4-10-07, Martinez and the 15 year old juvenile forced entry into Nieves' residence located in the 21000 block of E Lincoln Ave near the city of Reedley, California. Both suspects then forced the pregnant victim out of a broken bedroom window and into a waiting vehicle parked in front of the house.

Martinez is to be considered dangerous. It is unknown if he is armed or not.

Numerous Bay area law enforcement agencies are actively assisting in the on-going investigation.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Tim Rivera at (559)488-3747, or the Fresno County Sheriff's department at (559)488-3111.

All media inquiries, contact Deputy Chris Curtice at (559)488-2699.