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Sheriff's Office Works to Identify Mendota Homicide Victim

Members of the Fresno County Crime Scene Unit are working to try and identify a woman who was recently murdered. She is 46 years old and lived in Mendota. On Saturday, the Coroner's Office will conduct an autopsy on her body.

Around 10:00 pm on Thursday, Mendota Police officers responded to a call of shots fired on Stamoules Street. Officers discovered a woman lying on the sidewalk in front of a home located on the 500 block of Stamoules Street. She had suffered gunshot wounds and died shortly after medical personnel arrived on scene. After determining this to be a homicide case, Mendota Police requested that the Fresno County Sheriff's Office take over the investigation. The preliminary findings show she lived in the area and had just arrived to the neighborhood prior to being shot.

Shortly after the shooting, Mendota Police officers conducted a traffic stop on a car which was leaving the area and they detained the people inside. Detectives are now interviewing those occupants to see if they played a role in the shooting or have information about who did. A motive for this crime has not been determined and this remains an ongoing investigation.

This killing marks the fourth homicide in the city of Mendota for 2016; three of which have been women.

Anyone with information on this case is asked to please call Fresno County Sheriff's Detective Adam Maldonado at (559) 600-8208 or Crime Stoppers at (559) 498-STOP (7867). All tips will remain anonymous and you may be eligible for a cash reward.