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News Release

Subject: Homicide

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Details:

On 09/25/16 at 1:44PM, LPD personnel assisted the Lodi Fire Department in the 1500 block of west Vine Street in regards to a residential structure fire. Upon arrival officers attempted to contact anyone inside of the residence however the fire was too intense.

After the Lodi Fire Department gained control of the fire, a deceased male was located inside of the residence. On 09/26/16 in the late afternoon, the San Joaquin County Coroner's Office determined during an autopsy that the male located in the fire was stabbed to death. The death was determined to be a homicide, which occurred prior to the fire being started.

LPD detectives have taken over the investigation. We are also working with arson investigators to determine the cause and origin of the fire. The San Joaquin County Coroner's Officer is working to identify the victim and notify the next of kin.

Anyone with any information regarding this incident is urged to call Detective Urrea at (209)333-6885. Callers may also remain anonymous by calling Lodi Area Crimestoppers at (209) 369-2746.