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Press Release

Today's Date: January 11, 2012
Date & Time Occurred: January 10, 2012 2:55 p.m.
Submitted By: Sgt. Denise Quatman
Phone: 707-469-6607
Case Number: 12-223
Type of Crime/Incident: Homicide
Location: 100 block Arroyo Court
Suspect: Mesick, Erik, 47, Vacaville resident

UPDATE 01/11/2012

POLICE IDENTIFY SUSPECT, VICTIM IN TUESDAY MURDER-SUICIDE

Notification of the next of kin has been completed and the Vacaville Police Department is now releasing the names of the two subjects found dead yesterday on Arroyo Court.

The suspect and victim have been identified as Erik Mesick, 47, of Vacaville and Jerrica Chou, 40, of Vallejo. The investigation is ongoing and detectives still believe this was a murder/suicide.

Mesick and Chou have been in a dating relationship for a short period of time. Neither subject has had any police contacts or history of domestic violence in Vacaville. The weapon believed to be used in the crime was found at the scene and is registered to Mesick. Mesick had just purchased the handgun a few days prior to the incident. Investigators believe that Mesick shot Chou once in the head, causing her death, and then turned the gun on himself.

The case is still actively being investigated by detectives of the Investigative Services Section and updates will be forwarded as needed. Anyone with information about his case is asked to contact Detective Nathan Benevides at (707) 469-4724.

END OF UPDATE



ORIGINAL RELEASE

Narrative: On January 10, 2012, at approximately 2:55 p.m., officers from the Vacaville Police Department responded to the 100 block of Arroyo Court regarding a report, via 911, that two people had been found in a vehicle and had sustained gun shot wounds.

Officers found a male (47 years old) and female (40 years old) inside the vehicle with fatal gun shot wounds. Detectives from the Investigative Services Section and detectives from the Family Investigative Response Services Team responded to the scene. At this point in the investigation it appears the incident may have been a murder and subsequent suicide by one of the involved parties. Both involved parties have had no prior contacts with our agency or a criminal history. The names of the victim and suspect are not being released at this time pending family notifications.

The case is being actively investigated and the department will release updated information as it becomes available. Detective Nathan Benevides is the lead detective in this case and can be contacted at (707)469-4724, if you have additional information or witnessed the incident.

