Press Release

For Immediate Release

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Subject

Aircraft crash victims identified

Text

The Sutter County Sheriff-Coroner Office has identified the two victims of the fatal airplane crash that occurred yesterday in south Sutter County. The location of the crash scene is approximately 15 miles south of Yuba City, near an area known locally as "Dingville", and approximately one mile west of the intersection of State Route 99 and Laurel Avenue.

The victim's are identified as follows:

- 1. **Ronald Douglas Jarrett**, age 50, of Carmichael (Sacramento County, California.
- 2. **Brandon Hays Pearson**, age 17, also of Carmichael, California.

An autopsy is scheduled in Yuba City this morning to determine the cause of death of the two victims and is under investigation by the Sutter County Sheriff-Coroner's Office. No further information concerning the coroner investigation, including the autopsy examination, will be available until after 8:00 AM, Monday, March 3, 2003.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) are investigating the cause of the airplane crash and further information concerning that investigation will be handled by the NTSB. The contact person at the NTSB is Howard Plagens at (310) 380-5656.

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