FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Wednesday, November 30, 2005, 4:00 P.M.

SUBJECT:

Suspicious Circumstances - Found Body

TEXT:

Sutter County Sheriff's Detectives are investigating the discovery of a human body in a rice field located in the Sutter By-Pass, near the 5900 block of Obanion Road, south of Yuba City. The body was discovered on Saturday, November 26, 2005 by caretakers for a local duck club. Responding deputies found the badly decomposed body lying next to a rice check in the Sutter By-Pass and appeared to have been there for some time. Based on the injuries visible, the body appeared to have been run over by a farming implement, most likely a disc. Detectives learned that the field was last disked in April or May of 2005, but was not planted due to high spring run-off.

An autopsy was conducted on the remains on Monday, November 28, 2005. Due to the decomposed state of the body, no immediate cause of death was determined at this time. The autopsy did reveal that the body was that of a Caucasian adult male, with a gold cap on a right molar tooth. Further examination identified the deceased also suffered from some type of degenerative spinal injury, and had a prosthesis (knee replacement) of the left knee.

Sheriff's Detectives are asking anyone with knowledge of this incident or the possible identity of the deceased to telephone the Sutter County Sheriff's Detective Division at 530-822-7313.

There will be no additional scheduled releases on this incident.

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