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Found Body Leads to Homicide Investigation

Riverside, CA – On Thursday February 19, 2009 at 9:07 a.m. officers from the Riverside Police Department responded to the 6200 block of Hillside Avenue, after receiving reports of a subject with bloody clothing being loaded into the back of a pick-up truck. Upon the officers' arrival it was discovered that the pick-up truck had left the location.

While the officers were still in the area conducting their investigation, the truck returned to the Hillside Street address. The officers approached the vehicle and made contact with an adult male exiting the truck. The back of the pick-up truck was empty, but officers were able to locate a crime scene inside the residence.

A search of the area was conducted by Patrol Officers, POP Officers and the Department's Air Unit, in an attempt to locate a possible dumped body. At about 11:15 am, the body of a deceased adult male was located in the rear yard of a residence in the 6000 block of William Street.

The victim's identity is not being released at this time, but he is believed to be the person that was placed into the back of the pick-up truck. The victim had several gunshot wounds to the upper torso. All persons involved are believed to be residents of the Hillside address.

Homicide Investigators responded and were assisted in their investigation by personnel from the Forensic Unit.

The vehicle's driver, 47 year old Ivan John Cepeda of Riverside was arrested and charged with 187PC/ Murder.

Anyone with information pertaining to this homicide should contact Detective Ron Sanfilippo (951) 353-7105 or Detective Steve Shumway (951) 353-7138

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