



VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF

MEDIA RELEASE

BOB BROOKS, Sheriff

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Nature of Incident: Homicide Update

Location: Lockwood Valley Road, between mile markers 14 and 15

Date & Time: Saturday, March 6, 2004, at approximately 3:25 pm

Unit Responsible: Major Crimes

Description: The homicide victim found in Lockwood Valley this past weekend has been identified. His identity is being withheld pending notification of next of kin and the ongoing investigation. He is a white male, in his 30's, and is not from Ventura County. The cause of death was strangulation. How long the body was left in Lockwood Valley has not been determined, given the extremely low temperatures in that area.

No more information is being released at this time. The investigation is ongoing.

If the suspect is not known, please add the following paragraph to this news release: Ventura County Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and criminal complaint against the person(s) responsible for this crime. The caller may remain anonymous. The call is not recorded. Call Crime Stoppers at 494-TALK (Thousand Oaks/Moorpark) or 385-TALK (Camarillo/Oxnard/Port Hueneme).

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