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NEWS RELEASE

September 4, 2013

VPD Report Number: 11-01096

Date/Time Occurred: January 21st, 2011/ 6:55 pm

Type of Incident: Homicide

Location: 26814 S. Mooney Blvd.

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Michael Huckaby

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Yes

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3.

Details: On 01/21/11, at about 1855 hours, Visalia Police Department patrol officers responded to a report of a suspicious drowning. Upon arrival, officers located a deceased female on the bathroom floor. Her live-in boyfriend (Michael Huckaby) told officers he found Jaime Atkerson unresponsive inside the bathtub and removed her prior to the officer's arrival. The circumstances surrounding her death were found to be suspicious. The Visalia Police Department Violent Crimes Unit was called to investigate the death.

On 09/03/13, after a lengthy investigation, an arrest warrant was issued for Michael Huckaby, the live-in boyfriend of the victim. On 09/04/13, at about 1035 hours, Michael Huckaby was contacted at his residence and taken into custody for the murder of Jaime Atkerson. Michael Huckaby was booked into the Tulare County Jail for homicide.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Violent Crimes Unit

Supervisor: Sgt. Byerlee

