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POLICE IDENTIFY MURDER VICTIM

Date/Time: 01/06/2008 @ 9:34 a.m.
Location: 11000 block of Golden Pond
Victim: 19-year old Valentin Ray Rodriguez of 5317 Woodrow Bean

EL PASO, TEXAS – Police identify the teen killed during a fight at a house party. 19-year old Valentin Ray Rodriguez died after being assaulted at a house party. Detectives continue to follow leads and ask anyone with information call Crime Stoppers at 566-TIPS (8477) or police at 564-7010.

HISTORY: A teen dies after a fight at a house party. Crimes Against Persons (CAP) detectives responded to 5317 Woodrow Bean to assist Northeast Patrol with a possible murder. The preliminary investigation revealed the 19-year old victim was at a house party with friends in the 11000 block of Golden Pond in the early morning hours. While at the party the victim was assaulted and knocked unconscious. The victim's friends drove him to his apartment on Woodrow Bean where they stayed the night. The friends woke up and called 911 when they found the victim unresponsive. The victim was pronounced dead inside his apartment. Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 566-TIPS (8477) or police 564-7010. Investigation continues. The Medical Examiner's office has not ruled on the death of the security guard on New Years Day; therefore, this is the first murder of 2008. ###

