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Stabbing Death Investigation Continues ***Witnesses asked to come forward***

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Berkeley, California (Tuesday, February 14, 2006) –Berkeley Police Department Homicide Investigators are requesting help from students who attended the private party on Contra Costa Ave. on Friday night, where a young man was killed.

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At about 11:30 PM on Friday night, police dispatchers received calls about possible multiple stabbings on the 700 block of Contra Costa Ave. Three victims were soon located at the Albany, Ca. Police Department on San Pablo Ave. **Juan Carlos Ramos**, an 18 year old resident of El Cerrito, was fatally wounded and pronounced dead a short time later by Emergency Room Doctors at Alameda County's Highland Hospital. The other two victims were listed in serious condition by doctors. A fourth victim arrived at Children's Hospital in Oakland at about 2:30 AM on Saturday February 11 and was also transported to Highland Hospital.

Victim #2: 17 year old male, resident of El Cerrito

Victim #3: 17 year old male, resident of Richmond – released from hospital

Victim #4: 17 year old male, resident of Albany – released from hospital

Additional witnesses are needed to help answer important questions in the City's first Homicide for 2006. Investigators are also asking for parents of students, who attended the party, to call and answer questions that will help complete the investigation. At least one witness said that the stabbings may have been the result of an argument over a skateboard. No one is in custody in this case. Anyone with information on this case is asked to contact the BPD Homicide Unit at (510) 981-5900 or police@ci.berkeley.ca.us

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