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New Development / New Details Cold Missing Person Case

Berkeley, California (Friday, August 31, 2007) - The City of Berkeley Police Department has been joined by the Carole Sund/Carrington Memorial Reward Foundation in an effort to generate leads for a cold case of a missing person. **Rodney Texera, 42, of Berkeley, who is deaf, has been missing since December of 2005.**

The Carole Sund/Carrington Memorial Reward Foundation is now offering a \$5,000 reward for information regarding Texera's disappearance.

Case Summary/Relevant Facts

Rodney Texera is a 42-year-old male who lived at UA Homes, 1040 University Avenue, in West Berkeley. He is deaf and communicates in American Sign Language (ASL) and email. Texera emailed his mother Pamela Creech on December 1, 2005. Creech became concerned when she had not heard from him and learned from her son's caseworker that he had gone with a friend to Oroville, CA around December 8 or 9 to help a friend move.

During the stay in Oroville, a friend said that Texera had left after an argument and did not return. Texera's mother contacted Oroville PD who referred her to the City of Berkeley Police Department (BPD). BPD took a missing person report and initiated their missing adult investigative protocol. The case was handed over to the BPD Homicide Detail who does follow-up investigations on all adult missing persons cases as well as homicides and other violent crimes.

Detectives conducted interviews and traveled to Oroville to pursue further investigative efforts. When no substantive leads or items of evidentiary value developed, detectives determined that they exhausted what information they had. In late January 2006, BPD sent out a Media Release about the case in hopes of generating additional leads.

Since that time, no new details have come to light regarding Mr. Texera's whereabouts or the circumstances of his disappearance. Most troubling is that he has not accessed his email or bank accounts. In addition, he has a 13-year-old daughter and girlfriend that he is very close with. Rodney Texera turned 42 years old on August 21, 2007.

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