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## INFORMATION RELEASE

### **Drowning Death Under Investigation**

August 3, 2011

Solano County Sheriff's Office

On August 2, 2011, at approximately 4:40pm, the Solano County Sheriff's Office received a report of 3 swimmers needing assistance. They were in the water at Sandy Beach Park, Rio Vista and unable to swim to shore probably due to strong currents. The Sheriff's Office contacted the United States Coast Guard Station in Rio Vista, the Rio Vista Fire Department, and Medic Ambulance, and requested that they respond to the scene as well.

Coast Guard personnel recovered 1 juvenile swimmer from the water while responding to the scene. A firefighter from the Rio Vista Fire Department was able to rescue the second juvenile swimmer after jumping in the water to rescue him.

Silver Jubilation Tuakalua, a 31-year-old resident of Pittsburg, California was identified as the third person in the water, and was last seen swimming in the area of the Sandy Beach boat dock. The Solano County Dive Team was dispatched to the scene and recovered the body of Mr. Tuakalua just before 9:00pm. He was taken to the Coast Guard Station in Rio Vista and then transported to the Solano County Coroner's Office later in the evening.

On August 3, 2011, an autopsy was performed on Mr. Tuakalua. The cause of death is drowning

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