

YOLO COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
PRESS RELEASE

RE:	Woodland Man Cause of Death Pending
DATE:	May 29, 2008

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Yolo County Sheriff's Department, Coroner's Section, has obtained positive identification and notified the family of the man who died Wednesday morning shortly after his arrest by the Woodland Police Department. Ricardo Manuel Abrahams, a 44 year-old resident of Woodland, was pronounced dead in the emergency room at the Woodland Memorial Hospital at 10:15 a.m. on May 28, 2008.

A forensic autopsy was performed today and it was determined by the pathologist that he did not sustain any fractures or significant trauma. The cause and manner of death are pending further study to include forensic toxicology. Chief Deputy Coroner Robert LaBrash advised that the autopsy revealed all injuries were superficial and were consistent with restraint while resisting arrest.

Sheriff Ed Prieto stated, "Our Coroner's Section is comprised of highly qualified and dedicated personnel. A report should be completed within the next few weeks, once test results are obtained. My sympathy goes out to the Abraham family."