Press Release

Subject: Homicide Investigation

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Date: November 20, 2017

An arrest has been made following a homicide near the city of Winters.

On November 19, 2017, at approximately 5:00 pm, deputies were dispatched to the area of Owings Court and Shams Way following the report of possible drowning in nearby Putah Creek. The four year old victim was unresponsive upon the arrival of emergency services and transported to a local hospital where she was pronounced dead after lifesaving measures were unsuccessful.

Detectives with the Yolo County Sheriff's Office responded and after an investigation placed the child's father, Markeese Carter, 26, of Winters under arrest. Carter was booked into the Yolo County Jail on charges including murder, sexual assault, child endangerment, and assault on a peace officer.

An autopsy was conducted this morning and the cause of death is pending. The identity of the victim is not being released at this time.

The motive for the assault is still under investigation. Anyone with additional information regarding this incident is urged to contact Detective Sergeant Kurt Zeiler at (530) 668-5280.