

BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MEDIA RELEASE

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SHERIFF-CORONER**



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RELEASED BY: Sgt. Jason Hail/Felony Investigations Unit

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On August 10, 2011 at approximately 11:51 A.M., the Butte County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call from a person stating that there was a deceased male inside of the residence at 6176 Some Way, Magalia, California. Deputies responded to the residence and contacted several individuals outside of the house. A search of the residence was conducted and a deceased male, identified as Michael Wayne McCarty (age 55) was located inside with an apparent gunshot wound. Deputies secured the scene and began speaking with people who had gathered in the street. Detectives were called out to scene to take over the investigation. Michael McCarty's son, Christopher James McCarty (DOB: 1/5/1980), was detained at scene and taken back to the Butte County Sheriff's Office to be questioned. Detectives determined based on information from witnesses and evidence at the scene that Michael McCarty was the victim of a homicide. Christopher McCarty was arrested and booked into Butte County Jail, Oroville and charged with Murder. Christopher McCarty is being held without bail. The motive for the crime is still under investigation.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call Detective Chris Nicodemus at 530-538-7671.