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PRESS RELEASE

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Subject: Suspicious Deaths Investigation

LPD Case #: 06-13041

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Details: Lodi Police detectives this morning attended the autopsies of two adults who were found deceased at the Comfort Inn on 12/16/06. Based on the results of these exams, taken in concert with the known facts and evidence, it appears that the victims both committed suicide. This is not a final determination, and it is up to the coroner to make a formal ruling as to manner of death. It is believed, however, that the male victim used the only handgun to take his life, and that the female did the same sometime afterward.

In making this determination, detectives looked at the contents of the note that was at the scene, the history of personal difficulties that both victims were dealing with, the positions of the bodies, the wound locations and trajectories of rounds fired, and other physical evidence that was found at the scene. It should be emphasized, however, that there were no witnesses to the event, and it is unlikely that all the actions by the deceased will ever be known.

Disclosures of specific investigative facts will not be made in this case out of sensitivity to the surviving family. Inquiries should be directed to Lt. Barry at 209-329-2966.

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