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MAN FOUND DEAD IN CITY PARK *Homicide Detectives Investigating Death*

RIVERSIDE, CA – At 8 AM, a 9-1-1 call was received by the Police Department's Communications Center reporting a man down and bleeding in La Sierra Park (5215 La Sierra). Police and Fire personnel were dispatched and arrived to find an adult male deceased from an apparent gunshot wound.

Detectives from the Robbery/Homicide Unit and technicians from the Forensic Unit responded and are currently investigating. The victim has been identified as James Joseph Ercoli, 38, of Riverside.

Detectives believe the victim, a transient, was shot while in the park. Evidence at the scene indicates he has been staying in the park at night. Witnesses reported hearing gunshots several hours earlier but the victim was not located at that time.

Detectives are asking anybody who has information on this case to contact Detective Michael Medici at (951)353-7104 or Detective Greg Rowe at (951)353-7136.

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