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Homicide Investigation (Updated Information)

Date: December 23, 2015
Time: 5:33 PM
Location: 1240 E. Washington St., Colton
From: Corporal Ray Mendez
Victim: Female, 37
Suspect: Jason Barton 38, Moreno Valley CA
Charges: P.C. 187-Murder, P.C. 3056-Parole Violation
Case: 15-08573

Summary:

On December 23, 2015 at approximately 5:33 pm, officers from the Colton Police Department responded to 1240 E. Washington St. in reference to a shots heard call. Colton Police officers came on scene and located a female victim behind the business who had suffered a gunshot wounds to her upper body. The victim was transported to Loma Linda University Medical Center where she succumbed to her injuries. The suspect left the scene, acquired another vehicle nearby, and fled eastbound on Washington Street in that vehicle. The Colton Police Department is working with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department in this investigation, and a suspect has been located and detained. This is an active case and the victim's name is being withheld until next of kin is notified.

*****Updated Information*****

The vehicle stolen from Colton was found in the city of San Diego unoccupied. The suspect Jason Barton has been located in San Diego, and was turned over to the Colton Police Department. He is currently being booked into the San Bernardino County Jail West Valley Detention Center on murder charges. He is also being investigated by the Riverside County Sheriff's Department and the San Diego Police Department for the crimes he committed in their jurisdictions.

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