



# Colton Police Department

## MEDIA RELEASE

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## DEATH INVESTIGATION CASE UPDATE

**\*\*\*UPDATED DECEDENT PHOTOGRAPH\*\*\***

Date of Incident: 01/16/2010  
Time of Incident: 9:36 PM  
Location of Incident: 1500 Blk N. Latham Ave, Colton, CA  
From: Sergeant Shawn McFarland  
Deceased: Timothy Thomas (4-years-of-age)  
Case Number: 10-01963



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COLTON, CA. — Colton Police Department Detectives are reviewing new leads and actively investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of Timothy Thomas. In January 2010, the Colton Police Department investigated the death of a 4-year-old child. The child was identified as 4-year-old Timothy Thomas of Colton, CA. At the time of his death, temporary custody of Timothy Thomas had been signed over from his birth parents to leaders of “His Way Spirit Led Assemblies.”

The investigation is ongoing; anyone with information regarding the incident is urged to contact the Colton Police Department Investigations Division, Detective Sergeant Shawn McFarland ([smcfarland@coltonca.gov](mailto:smcfarland@coltonca.gov)) at (909) 370-5140. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact the We-Tip hotline at 1-800-78-crime or visit <http://www.wetip.com>. Refer to case # 10-01963.

**\*\*\*Updated Information\*\*\***

Family recently provided the attached photograph of Timothy Thomas. For further media inquiries, you may contact Sergeant Michael Sandoval via email at [msandoval@coltonca.gov](mailto:msandoval@coltonca.gov).

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