



City of Chowchilla POLICE DEPARTMENT

Press Release

Date: March 30, 2008
To: MEDIA
From: David Noblett, Police Sergeant
Subject: **Homicide**

On Saturday, March 29, 2008, at approximately 10:29 p.m., officers from the Chowchilla Police Department responded to a call of a physical fight at the Farnesi's Bar located in the 200 block of E. Robertson Blvd. in the City of Chowchilla. Officers arrived at the location and found a male subject lying on the floor inside the bar with injuries consistent with a fight. Ambulance personnel responded to the location and provided medical attention in an attempt to resuscitate the victim. Ambulance personnel pronounced the victim deceased at the scene. The victim was identified as Bruce Eckerfield, (50), of Chowchilla. The suspect was identified as John Raviscioni, (28), of Chowchilla. Raviscioni was taken into custody at a residence located in the 9700 block of Heatherhearst Drive in the City of Chowchilla. Raviscioni was booked into the Madera County Department of Corrections on charges of first degree murder. The case is still under investigation.