



# HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

William F. Honsal, Sheriff

## Media Release

**Date:** April 26, 2018

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**Case Number:** 201801945

**Subject:** Death Investigation – Update

The person found deceased on US 101 near Salmon Creek has been positively identified as Salvatore Riccobono IV, age 29, from Concord, California. Riccobono was in possession of a 1998 Gold Infinity SUV with California plate 4ASX760 which is unaccounted for. Riccobono was also known to carry a 9mm pistol which is also unaccounted for. If someone sees the vehicle they should not approach it and contact law enforcement as soon as possible.

Our investigation indicates that Riccobono had been shot at least one time prior to being struck by the involved vehicle. It is not known if he was alive or deceased when he was struck by the vehicle. Further information will be released after the forensic autopsy is completed on April 28<sup>th</sup>. This incident is being investigated as a Homicide.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to call the Sheriff's Office at (707) 445-7251 or the Sheriff's Office Crime Tip Line at (707) 268-2539.

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### Previous Media Release

On April 23, 2018 at 0500 hours, Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Emergency Communications Center received a 9-1-1 call about a vehicle vs. pedestrian collision on NB101 near Salmon Creek. The call was transferred to the California Highway Patrol. California Highway Patrol Officers and Sheriff's Deputies responded. It was determined the pedestrian was deceased and the California Highway Patrol requested a response from the Coroner.

The Deputy Sheriff/Coroner arrived on scene and began his investigation. Based on the Deputy Sheriff/Coroner's observations, he requested a response from the Criminal Investigations Division. Detectives and an evidence technician responded. The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office is investigating this as a suspicious death. A forensic autopsy is scheduled for Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. No further information regarding this incident will be released until after the autopsy is completed.

The identity of the deceased is being withheld pending notification of next of kin. Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to call the Sheriff's Office at (707) 445-7251 or the Sheriff's Office Crime Tip Line at (707) 268-2539.