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Supervisor Rubio and Sheriff Wimbish Launch “Citizen’s: CSI”

Supervisor Michael Rubio and Sheriff Mack Wimbish are proud to launch the Kern County Sheriff’s Department “Citizen’s: CSI” at a 1:30 p.m. press conference Monday. This collaborative effort brings together citizens with law enforcement investigations to solve crimes in the community. In particular, “Citizen’s: CSI” results from Supervisor Rubio’s discussions with the Sheriff in recent weeks to capitalize on input from Kern County citizens who want to curb gang activity and violent crimes.

With this effort, the Kern County Sheriff’s Department unveils the latest tool in law enforcement’s arsenal. This program is modeled after Louisville Police Department’s “Armed Suspect Apprehension Program” (ASAP) that helps solve business holdups and other crimes in the community. Similarly, Kern County citizens will be able to view posted photos and/or videos entered into evidence in various investigations on the Sheriff’s Department website. Residents can then contact the lead investigator working the case with any pertinent information that may help in solving the crime. As always, the Kern County Sheriff’s Department will treat any tips with the utmost confidentiality.

“I am proud to stand side by side with Mack on getting this important technological tool up and accessible. As many people already know, I believe in citizens joining forces with government to solve Kern County’s problems,” Supervisor Rubio stated. “We should never underestimate the power of the people.”

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WHAT: Official “Citizen’s: CSI” Launch and Press Conference

WHEN: Monday, March 6, 2006 at 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: Kern County Sheriff’s Department Building A Conference Room (1350 Norris Road, Bakersfield)