



# City of Ridgecrest Police Department

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**RONALD N. STRAND, Chief of Police**

## Press Release

**DATE and TIME:** 08/24/13, 1130 hours

**TYPE OF CRIME:** PC 187 (a) - Murder

**LOCATION:** 329 E. Ridgecrest Blvd

**VICTIM:** Thomas Paul Burch

**SUSPECT:** McCleary, Timothy Shane, 41 yrs- Ridgecrest Resident

On 08/24/13, at approximately 1130 hours, officers of the Ridgecrest Police Department were dispatched to the Rose Garden Inn (329 E. Ridgecrest Blvd) regarding a deceased person. Upon arrival, officers discovered Thomas Burch deceased in his room. The Kern County Coroner's office was notified and responded to the scene. The Ridgecrest Police Department along with the Kern County Coroner's office initiated an investigation into the death of Burch.

During this investigation it was discovered Burch was the victim of an assault by Timothy McCleary. As a result of the assault, Burch sustained an injury to his head which ultimately resulted in his death.

It is believed McCleary has fled the Ridgecrest area. If anyone has information on McCleary's whereabouts they are encouraged to contact Det. Castaneda at the Ridgecrest Police Department 760) 499-5100.



**RONALD N. STRAND, Chief of Police**  
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