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Suicide Note Discovered in Ladera Ranch Shooting

LADERA RANCH, California (March 1, 2013) - This press release is related to the incident that occurred on February 19, 2013 when Ali Syed murdered three Orange County residents and then killed himself.

On behalf of the Orange County Sheriff's Department and the OCRCFL (Orange County Regional Computer Forensics Lab), investigators have discovered information in the preliminary computer forensic analysis that might answer some questions regarding the Syed's motive.

On a desktop computer removed from Syed's bedroom, a document entitled, "Suicide Note" was recovered. It was created on February 19, 2013 [day of murders] within an hour of the 9-1-1 call from the suspects' residence. Within the note were indications that the events Ali Syed was responsible for were pre-meditated and planned. Although this investigation will continue, to date, Orange County Sheriff's Homicide Investigators have not found any prior connection/relationship between Syed and any of his victims.