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## **NO INDICATIONS OF HOMICIDE IN DEATH OF 23-YEAR-OLD**

### **East Oakland Death First Believed To Be Murder by Investigators**

**OAKLAND, October 7**—On October 4, 2004, Oakland Police Officers responded to the 5500 Block of Ruby Avenue where 23-year-old Jabari Holmes was found unresponsive. Holmes' family had come out of their nearby home to find a male, later identified as Eddie Ento, on top of Holmes. Ento remained at the scene and told several people that he had been wrestling with Holmes. Holmes and Ento were well known to each other.

Ento was interviewed at the Oakland Police Department Criminal Investigation Division. He admitted that he had been "play fighting" and wrestling with Holmes, and that he had Holmes in a headlock for a long period of time. Ento stated that he noticed Holmes was unresponsive and called for medical assistance.

At this time, there is no indication that a homicide occurred as was first believed. According to the Alameda County Coroner's Office, Holmes suffered from an enlarged heart and his cause of death is pending further investigation from their office.

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