

Vigils will honor man found dead after jail release

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LATHROP - Family and friends will commemorate the one-year anniversary of the death of Lathrop resident Jeremy Lum with events next Thursday and July 9.

A candlelight memorial at sunset, beginning at 8:30 p.m. next Thursday, will be held at Woodfield Park, at the corner of Lathrop Road and Woodfield Drive in Lathrop, near where Lum was arrested. It will be followed at 7 a.m. July 9 with a gathering at the San Joaquin County Jail parking lot, 7000 Michael Canlis Blvd., French Camp.

Lum, 29, suffered from bipolar disorder and was arrested on suspicion of public intoxication last July after he tried to enter a stranger's home.

He was released the next morning. His family said he had no cell phone and wasn't wearing shoes, and nobody was contacted to pick him up. The Sheriff's Office said Lum was wearing shoes, and that deputies attempted to reach his family the night of his arrest.

Lum's body was found in the San Joaquin River three days later.

Lum's family believes a problem with his medication caused the behavior that led to his arrest, and blame a lack of concern and kindness on the part of jailers for releasing him without contacting family or friends to take him home.

The Lums have worked since his death to try to establish a data bank listing family members as contacts for individuals with mental-health conditions.

They've met with resistance and legal concerns over privacy but continue to fight.

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