Merced Police Department

NEWS RELEASE

May 11th, 2014

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For Immediate Release

Incident: Aggravated Assault
Date and Time: Sunday, May 11, 2014 @ 9:26 P.M.
Location: 1100 Block of East 20th Street, Merced
Victims: Richard Armenta, 31
Arrested Persons: None
Case Number: 14-21065

On Sunday May 11th, 2014 at 9:26 PM Merced Police officers responded to the 1100 Block of East 20th Street for a report of people fighting in the street. When the officers arrived they found the victim, 31 year old Richard Armenta, suffering from stab wounds. Armenta said that he was getting out of his car when two vehicles pulled up blocking him in. Numerous males got out of the cars and began hitting and kicking him, Sometime during the attack Armenta was stabbed by one or more of the assailants.

When neighbors started coming out of their houses the assailants got back into their cars and left the area. Armenta said he did not know his assailants and could not advise a motive for the attack. He could only describe the suspects as 8-10 adult males. The suspect vehicles were described as a silver car and a black SUV.

Armenta was taken by air ambulance to a Modesto Hospital for treatment of severe injuries.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information on this crime is asked to please contact the Merced Police Department Detectives Division at 209 385-4702 or the Tip-line at 209 385-4725.

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Incident: Aggravated Assault
Date and Time: Sunday, May 11th, 2014 @ 9:58 P.M.
Location: Gilbert Macias Park, Childs Avenue and “G” Street, Merced
Victims: Alfredo Castellanos, 25
Arrested Persons: None
Case Number: 14-21071

On Sunday May 11th, 2014 at 9:58 PM Merced Police Officers responded to Gilbert Macias Park located at the intersection of Childs Avenue and “G” Street for a report of a man who had collapsed in the park suffering from stab wounds. Upon arrival officers found the victim, 25 year old Alfredo Castellanos, suffering from multiple stab wounds.

Witnesses reported seeing Castellanos stumbling through the park like he was drunk. Witnesses called police when they saw Castellanos fall down and found that he was injured and not intoxicated.

The victim was uncooperative and did not provide a statement of what had happened to him. Castellanos was taken by air ambulance to a Modesto Hospital for treatment of his injuries.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information on this crime is asked to please contact the Merced Police Department Detectives Division at 209 385-4702 or the Tip-line at 209 385-4725.

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