Merced Police Department

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For Immediate Release

Date and Time: July 6, 2014 @ 4:23PM
Location: 300 BLK of East 21st Street
Incident: Robbery
Arrested Person:
Case Number: 2014-31106

The Merced Police Department investigated a burglary which turned into a robbery. Officer Ben Dalia made contact with the victim who related the following information: The victim had come home to see the suspect riding a bicycle out of his drive way. The suspect was carrying items, and the victim felt that the suspect was stealing his property. The victim followed the suspect and confronted him about the property. The suspect then threatened to kill the victim, hitting him on the head with a blunt object. The suspect then rode off on his bicycle.

Officer Dalia went back to the victim's house, observed evidence of a break in, and collected evidence from the scene. The victim was injured but told Officer Dalia he would seek his own medical treatment.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic male adult between 20 and 30 years of age. He has tattoos on both arms and was wearing a grey T-shirt with grey shorts. The suspect's bicycle is described as a chrome BMX bike.

Police Officers are asking anyone with any information regarding this incident to contact Detective Joe Deliman at (209) 385-6992, or the Merced Police Department Tipster Line at (209) 385-4725. The public can send information via anonymous text messages to police department by dialing "TIP411" (847411) and including the word "ComVIP" as the "keyword" in the text message.

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