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Sheriff's Media Release

Victim is Stabbed and Air Lifted in Critical Condition-Suspect Arrested

Date/Time of Incident/Event: 8/17/2017 @ 10:25 AM
Location of Incident: 700 block of 30th Avenue
Case Number: 17-06944
Type of Incident: Suspect Arrested After Stabbing on 30th Avenue

Suspect Name: Thomas Keaton Age:73 years, Santa Cruz resident.
Charges: 664/187 PC (Attempted murder.)

Description of Incident:

On Thursday morning, Thomas Keaton confronted a male neighbor at the mobile home park located in the 700 block of 30th Avenue. An argument ensued, which resulted in Thomas Keaton stabbing the neighbor in the upper torso. After the stabbing, Mr. Keaton fled to his home. Deputies arrived on the scene and provided medical attention to the victim. The victim, who was in critical condition, was eventually flown by Life Flight to Valley Medical Center in San Jose.

Sheriff's Detectives took over the case and collected evidence and witness statements at the scene. Mr. Keaton was arrested at his home, he was later interviewed and booked into Santa Cruz County Jail on the charges of 664/187 PC (Attempted Murder.)

Anyone with information regarding Mr. Keaton or this case are asked to contact the Sheriff's Office at 831-471-1120 and to refer to Case 17-06944.

Press Release Prepared by: Cesar Ramirez, Sergeant
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