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Sheriff's Media Release

Date/Time of Incident/Event: March 4, 2014
Location of Incident: 700 block of Skyward Drive, Aptos
Case Number: 14-1728
Type of Incident: Arrest for felony battery with great bodily injury
Suspect(s): Unnamed 16 year old juvenile
Photo(s) Available: Yes ____ No

Description of Incident:

On Saturday night at approximately 9:30 pm, Deputies were dispatched to a loud party in the 700 block of Skyward Drive in Aptos. Deputies arrived at the party and ordered the party to disband in order to keep the peace. Party attendees appeared to comply and were in the process of leaving when Deputies left.

Deputies later received information a 71 year old man was assaulted by an unknown male after Deputies left the area. The victim complained of injuries including swelling and cuts to his face. He was taken to the hospital by his wife, where he met Deputies. Deputies returned to the party to investigate further. The victim was released from the hospital later that night but returned early the next morning for additional treatment. Doctors found the victim was suffering from complications related to the assault and he was placed into the intensive care unit and continues to be monitored.

Deputies identified the suspect as a 16 year old male from Aptos. The suspect was arrested Tuesday morning at the Sheriff's Office and was taken to Juvenile Hall.

Detectives are continuing to investigate the case and want to speak to anyone having information about the case. Investigators will also be evaluating the degree to which the host may be responsible allowing an unruly party to take place at their home.

Detectives may be reached at (831) 454-2311.

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