

PRESS RELEASE

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Stabbing and assault suspects arrested

On July 23, 2007 at around 2154 hours officers were dispatched to the area of 51 North Main in Spanish Fork on a fight in progress. The reporting party indicated that there were around 20 to 25 people and that there were possible weapons being used.

Officers who were patrolling the area just a half a block away responded. Upon their arrival they found two victims who had been stabbed or cut with a knife, they also found another victim who had been assaulted. When the suspects saw the police officers they quit fighting and ran North through business parking lots located in the center of the blocks. Officers chased after them on foot. At 200 North other Spanish Fork police officers arrived in patrol cars and blocked the escape route of the suspects. The officers ordered the suspects to the ground. All suspects seen by officers were taken into custody at this location.

Victim Information:

- Victim number one - a 19 year old Hispanic male from Payson Utah - stabbed in the left side, he was transported to Mountain View Hospital in Payson. His wounds are not life threatening at this time.
- Victim number two - a 18 year old Hispanic male from Payson, Utah - received a knife wound to the right forearm. He was treated at the scene and was not transported to the hospital.
- Victim number three - a 17 year old Hispanic male from Payson, Utah - had his shirt torn, was tripped to the ground and kicked. He was also treated at the scene and released

Suspect Information:

- Suspect number one - a 20 year old Hispanic male currently living in Springville, Utah. Is accused of stabbing the above victims. He has been booked into the Utah County Jail for two counts of Aggravated Assault with a deadly weapon.

- Five other suspects were arrested for assault with a gang enhancement. Their ages range from 18 to 21. They too are Hispanic males currently living in Spanish Fork, Springville and the Orem areas Utah.

Victim number one indicated that he had previous gang involvement but is not currently in a gang. The suspects are believed to be active gang members. It is suspected that the fight began because past and current gang involvement.