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Assault with a Machete

Ceres, California - On July 16, 2012, at about 06:45 PM, Ceres Police officers responded to the 1900 block of Darrah Street for a report of an assault with a machete. Officers arrived and found a 24 year old Ceres man standing on the sidewalk with a large open gash to the right side of his face.

The victim was provided medical attention and transported to a local hospital by ambulance. The victim identified Elisaia Ulu, 45 years out of Ceres, as the attacker. Witnesses reported seeing Elisaia enter an apartment with the machete after the attack. Witnesses also told officers there was a woman and small children in the apartment where Elisaia was last seen entering. The residents were found to be unharmed and the attacker was not found.

The victim and Elisaia Ulu have had a feud and a long history of fighting with each other. On the day of the assault, the victim had gone to visit his father who lives next to Ulu when he exited his apartment armed with the machete and confronted the victim. A fight ensued and Elisaia struck the victim across the face with the dull side of the machete. He then fled the area to prevent apprehension but officers were able to reach him on the phone and convince him to surrender peacefully. Elisaia was charged with an assault with a deadly weapon.

The Ceres Police Department is asking anyone with any information on this case to contact the Stanislaus Area Crime Stoppers at:

Stanislaus Area Crime Stoppers.

Phone number: 1-866-60-CRIME

Text Tips: "274637" TIP704 in the wording

Website: www.modestopolice.com/crimestoppers