



Menifee Police Department MEDIA RELEASE

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Updated Media Release:

VICTIM SUCCUMBS TO INJURIES; SUSPECT TO BE CHARGED WITH MURDER

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 22, 2020

Menifee Police Department Detectives were notified today the victim succumbed to the injuries she sustained during the assault.

Detectives will be meeting with the District Attorney's Office to upgrade the attempted murder charge to murder.

The victim's identity will be released by the Riverside County Coroner's Office.

On behalf of Chief Pat Walsh, we would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to the victim's family.

Original Release:

SUSPECT ARRESTED FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 20, 2020

The Menifee Police Department (MPD) would like to share the following details regarding an assault that led to the arrest of a suspect for attempted murder. The suspect was identified as the victim's grandson.

September 18, 2020 – At approximately 1:30 PM, the MPD communications center received a call for service regarding an assault of an elderly female in the 26000 block of Ridgemoor Drive. The victim walked to a

neighbor's house for help where she indicated she had been assaulted by her grandson. The reporting party (neighbor) contacted the police for help.

Upon arrival, MPD observed the victim to have injuries consistent with being assaulted in the face. CAL FIRE arrived on scene and transported the victim to a nearby hospital for treatment where she was listed in critical condition.

MPD detectives and crime scene investigators responded to assume the investigation. The suspect was identified by family members as 41-year-old Andrew Joseph. Detectives learned Mr. Joseph lived with the victim and her husband. Mr. Joseph fled the scene prior to MPD arrival and was not immediately located.

A family member advised MPD Mr. Joseph was in Hemet with another family member. While preparing to respond to Hemet, the Hemet Police Department notified us they had Mr. Joseph in custody. We later learned the family member in Hemet had also called Hemet PD. Hemet PD responded to the location and took Mr. Joseph into custody without incident.

Detectives authored a search warrant for the victim's residence. A search of the residence revealed evidence of an altercation.

Based on the facts and evidence of the investigation, Mr. Joseph was charged with attempted murder. He was booked into custody at the Cois Byrd Detention Center.

The victim remains in critical condition. On behalf of Chief Pat Walsh, we would like to extend our thoughts and prayers to the victim and her family. We would also like to thank Hemet PD for their assistance with this investigation.

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