



BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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ATTEMPT MURDER ARREST VICTIM STABBED MULTIPLE TIMES

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On January 25, 2016, at about 11:10pm, Burbank Police Officers responded to the 1600 block of N. Pepper Street, regarding an assault with a deadly weapon that just occurred, with the weapon reportedly being a knife.

On arrival, officers located a 23 year-old male victim bleeding profusely from multiple apparent stab wounds to his torso and left arm.

Two other adults were contacted at the scene, a 23 year-old female and her boyfriend, 22 year-old John Benne of Burbank. The female and Benne had been involved in a physical domestic violence related incident earlier in the day. During the altercation, Benne reportedly pushed his girlfriend to the ground.

The female told officers that later in the evening; she decided to bring some belongings to Benne at his home on N. Pepper Street. She also wanted to talk to him about their relationship. The female, brought a male friend with her because she was fearful Benne would harm her.

A confrontation between the male friend and Benne took place in the street. During the altercation, Benne stabbed the victim several times with a knife.

The victim was transported to a local hospital, where he underwent surgery and is listed in serious, but stable condition. He is expected to survive.

A large "Bowie" style knife, with blood on it, was located near the scene of the altercation.

Benne, who suffered cuts to his hand and leg during the altercation, was arrested for attempt murder and two outstanding misdemeanor theft warrants. He was booked into the Burbank City Jail on \$1,036,000 bail after being treated for his injuries and medically cleared. He is due to appear in the Burbank Branch of the Los Angeles Superior Court on Wednesday morning.

The investigation into this case is on-going. Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Henry Garay at (818) 238-3264.

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