



Banning Police Department

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Press Release

Date: May 26, 2009

Location: 300 Block of Murray Street, City of Banning

Incident: Officer Attacked

On 05/26/09, at 8:14 PM, Officers from the Banning Police Department responded to the 300 Block of N. Murray Street, in the City of Banning, for a report of a public disturbance. This was the third time officers had been called to the scene regarding a male subject being intoxicated outside of his apartment and arguing with neighbors. Officers located 51 year old Leverne Lovely of Banning outside of his apartment yelling and throwing around patio furniture. During the two previous responses, Lovely had gone into his residence in an apparent attempt to avoid contact by law enforcement.

When Officers identified themselves, Lovely picked up a folding metal chair and advanced toward them using the chair as a weapon. Fearing for his safety, one of the Officers was able to disarm Lovely of the chair with a single baton strike to Lovely's arm.

The officer tried to take Lovely into custody, but Lovely grabbed a nearby hockey stick and struck the officer in the face. The officer was stunned and knocked back by the blow. A second officer, seeing his partner stumble backwards and bleeding from his injury, deployed his Taser, which allowed both officers to take Lovely into custody without further injury. Lovely was arrested for felony assault on a Police Officer and booked at the Larry D. Smith Correctional Facility in Banning.

The Officer was taken to a local hospital and treated for bruises and lacerations to the face. He was released later that night.

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