



Date: 06/14/2018

Case # 18-1558

Location: 1100 Block of West Cottonwood Road

Incident: Penal Code 664/187-Attempt Homicide



Suspect: Steven Martinez
DOB: 11/26/1997

On Friday, June 8, 2018, at 1415 hours, officers from the Banning Police Department responded to the 1300 Block of West Ramsey Street to a report of a stabbing victim at the location. Once officers arrived, they located a 30 year old male adult, a resident from the City of Banning, bleeding from several stab wounds. The victim was subsequently transported to Desert Reginal Medical Center located in the City of Palm Springs. The victim was later treated and released from the hospital from non-life threatening injuries.

While on scene, officers further learned that the stabbing occurred at another location. During the investigation, officers were able to locate several witnesses that were able to lead the officers to the location where the stabbing occurred. The investigating officers were ultimately led to the 1100 Block of West Cottonwood Road in the City of Banning. Once at the location, officers were able to locate evidence showing the stabbing in fact occurred at the location. Banning Police Department Detectives were summonsed to assume the investigation.

As the investigation continued, investigators located additional witnesses and a suspect was identified as Steven Martinez, a 20 year old resident of the City of Banning. During the investigation, it was learned that the victim and Martinez were engaged in a physical altercation. During the physical altercation, a large knife was retrieved by Martinez, who then stabbed the victim several times.

Investigators also gained additional information that Martinez was responsible for an armed robbery approximately two weeks prior to the stabbing. Martinez confronted the same victim from the stabbing, produced a handgun, and demanded the victim's property. Once

Martinez retrieved the victim's property, Martinez used the handle of the handgun to strike the victim in the head, causing injury.

On 06/13/2018, at about 1400 hours, after an extensive search of Martinez whereabouts, Investigators received a call from a citizen of Banning. The citizen advised of a subject matching Martinez's description. The citizen led investigators to the 1800 Block of West Ramsey Street. Investigators responded to the area and located Martinez, who was taken into custody without incident. During the arrest of Martinez, property of the victim was located in his possession that was stolen during the armed robbery.

Martinez was subsequently booked into the Larry D. Smith Correctional Facility for Attempt Murder, Armed Robbery, and Possession of Stolen Property.

The Banning Police Department asks anyone who may have witnessed this incident or who may have additional information, to please contact the Banning Police Department at 951-922-3170.