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SHERIFF'S DETECTIVES INVESTIGATE STABBING RESULTING IN SIX VICTIMS

Denair, CA– Stanislaus County Sheriff's detectives are investigating an assault with a deadly weapon incident that resulted in six victims being treated at area hospitals for stab wounds.

On 3-11-10, at 10:50 PM, deputies were dispatched to the area of Main St and Merced Ave, located in Denair, to investigate the report of a stabbing. When deputies arrived on scene they located four victims waiting in their vehicle near the intersection. The victims were transported to Modesto area hospitals by ambulance.

Two additional victims were discovered at Emanuel Medical Center, Turlock, who appeared to have been transported by family members. Three victims required surgery and as of this morning detectives have been unable to contact them, as they are not in a condition to provide statements.

The victim's ages ranged from 14-21 years old and all appear to be family and/or friends. Several victims are from the Denair area and several are from Antioch. As of this morning all the victims are listed in stable condition.

Statements received from the additional three victims lead detectives to believe the incident took place near an apartment complex on Merced Ave. The suspects drove by the complex and words were exchanges between the two groups. A fight broke out and the parties who arrived in the vehicle stabbed the victims.

Detectives have received little information regarding the incident and are asking anyone with information about this case is encouraged to contact Detective Frank Soria at (209) 525-7080. Callers can also leave an anonymous tip by calling Crime Stoppers at (209) 521-4636. Tipsters can also e-mail tips at http://www.modestopolice.com/CrimeStoppers, or text them to CRIMES (274637) by typing "Tip704" plus the messageand be eligible for a cash reward.

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