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Press Release

DATE and TIME OF INCIDENT: May 28, 2007 - 2230 hrs

TYPE OF INCIDENT: ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON / BATTERY WITH SERIOUS BODILY INJURY.

VICTIM: RIDGECREST RESIDENT

LOCATION OCCURRED: 400 BLOCK OF W. WARD AVE.

SUSPECT: STEPHEN DECKER

On 05/28/2007 at about 2230 hours, Officers of the Ridgecrest Police Department responded to the report of a battery which occurred in the 400 block of W. Ward Ave. Decker had been involved in a physical altercation with the victim, and witnesses alleged Decker had kicked the victim in the face several times. The victim sustained serious injuries and was air lifted to Kern Medical Center in Bakersfield, CA. The victim is listed in critical condition according to Hospital staff.

Decker was later located, arrested and transported to the Kern County Jail/Ridgecrest, where he was booked for the above charges and held on \$55,000.00 bail.

Officer M. Lauritzen was the lead investigator on this case.

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PREPARED BY: Ofc. Dan Armogida

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