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Ronald N Strand, Chief of Police

Press Release

DATE and TIME OF INCIDENT: August 10th, 2008 -1830 hours.

TYPE OF INCIDENT: 273.5PC-Spousal abuse, 422PC-Terrorist threats, 236PC-False imprisonment, 3056PC-Parole Violation

SUSPECT: RIOS, Steven HMA, 42 yoa-Ridgecrest resident

VICTIM: Confidential

LOCATION OCCURRED: 140 W Wilson St, -City of Ridgecrest

On 08-10-08 at about 1830 hours, Ridgecrest Police Officers responded to the above location on the report of a disturbance. Upon arrival the first officer contacted the witness who told him he heard a woman being hit and screaming inside the apartment. The first Officers also heard the screams and as the door was locked, they forced entry into the apartment through a window fearing a possible hostage event.

Once inside, Officer Ryan Marrone contacted the suspect, covered with sweat, highly agitated and resistant to commands. At gun and Taser point the suspect complied and was taken into custody. The officers discovered the victim, huddled in a corner. She had been badly beaten suffering injuries as result of an attempted strangulation and the physical assault by her husband. She was transported to RRH by Liberty Ambulance. She told Officers she felt she was going to be killed during the attack.

The suspect RIOS remained uncooperative and later threatened suicide. Based on this he was transported to Kern County Jail CRF-Bakersfield where he was booked and remains in custody on the above charges as well as a parole violation.

The victim was saved by the fast action of the witness and the first Officers on scene. Based on the violent nature of the attack, additional charges are being sought against the suspect, RIOS.

On 08/14/2008 based on the continued investigation and facts submitted by the Officers' the Districts Attorneys Office filed additional charges of attempted murder on the suspect, RIOS.

RONALD N. STRAND Chief of Police

PREPARED BY: Sergeant Robert OBergfell

Sunday, August 17, 2008