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INFORMATION RELEASE

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SHERIFF'S DEPUTY ARRESTS ATTEMPTED MURDER SUSPECT

Just before 3:30 a.m. this morning the Solano County Sheriff's Office was notified by the Napa County Sheriff's Office regarding a 21 year old male victim that was brought to Queen of the Valley Hospital in Napa with a life threatening knife wound. Deputies learned that the injured subject was transported to the hospital by a group of friends from an address in the 3500 block of Miners Trail, just outside Napa County on Hwy 12.

Napa Police Department was originally notified by hospital staff when the victim arrived at the hospital with a life threatening knife wound. Napa Police Department then notified the Napa Sheriff's Office, believing the incident occurred in their jurisdiction. After their initial investigation the Napa Sheriff's Office determined the crime actually occurred just outside of Napa County within Solano County.

Deputies arrived at the hospital and spoke with the subjects who had transported the victim to the hospital. At the same time deputies were also dispatched to the residence on Miners Trail. Deputies on Miners Trail met with Napa County Deputies and were told that a subject may have fled the residence when the Napa Deputies arrive. A perimeter was established and a search of the heavily wooded area near the residence was conducted. The suspect in the case was identified but not located during the area search and the search was eventually called off and deputies follow up on various leads related to the suspect.

The suspect was identified as **NICHOLAS STEVEN CORNWELL**, a 32 year old Fairfield resident, who was currently on Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) out of Napa County. Deputies also learned that Cornwell had an outstanding arrest warrant out of Napa County for violating the terms of his PRCS.

Deputy Mike Waller remained in the area and at approximately 10:10 a.m. Deputy Waller observed a subject matching the suspect's description walking in the 100 block of Red Top Rd. Deputy Waller made contact with the subject, identified the subject as the outstanding suspect in the attempted murder, and took him into custody without incident. At the time of his arrest the suspect was found to be wearing a bullet proof vest, which is also a violation of the law.

Cornwell was transported and booked into the Solano County Jail on the following felony charges: attempted murder, possession of body armor by a convicted violent felon, and the outstanding PRCS violation warrant out of Napa County. Cornwell's is being held without bail and his first court appearance is scheduled for Wednesday 01/29/14 at 1:30 p.m. in the Fairfield Courthouse.



Nicholas Steven Cornwell

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this press release.

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