



Elk Grove Police Department

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ARREST MADE IN HOMICIDE

ELK GROVE, CA – On April 19, 2009 at 12:49 a.m., the Elk Grove Police Department responded to the 6800 block of Paseo Del Sol Way regarding a shooting that had taken place.

Officers and medical personnel arrived at the above location and discovered that four victims (three males and one female) were suffering from gunshot wounds. The female victim was pronounced dead at the scene. The other three victims were transported to a local area hospital for medical treatment. At this time, two of the males are in critical condition. The name of the deceased victim has not been released and identification will be made by the Sacramento County Coroner's Office. The identity of the other victims will not be released at this time due to the ongoing nature of the investigation.

During the course of the investigation, detectives were able to identify two individuals involved in the homicide. The male suspect was identified as 20-year-old Raymond Vigel (01-30-89) and the female suspect as 23-year-old Tamara Bassett (02-27-86) both Sacramento residents.

According to detectives, there were several individuals gathered for a small party at the above residence. During the party, there was some type of physical altercation between two attendees. The female attendee involved in the altercation (Bassett) left the party in a green Honda. When Bassett returned a short time later, Vigel was seated in the passenger seat of the vehicle. Bassett then parked in the street in front of the residence and was contacted by one of the male victims along with another female guest (not injured) who were still at the party. At this point, the male passenger (Vigel) pulled out a firearm and began shooting while he was seated in the vehicle. The male who had approached the vehicle was shot along with three additional victims who were inside an open garage. Bassett and Vigel then fled the scene in the vehicle they had arrived in.

Through investigative efforts, detectives were able to determine that Vigel and Bassett had rented a room on the second floor at the Comfort Inn & Suites Motel located near Howe Ave. and Folsom Blvd. in the City of Sacramento. Elk Grove Detectives began a surveillance of the location and the suspect vehicle which was parked in the parking lot. Detectives then notified the Sacramento Police Department of the situation and requested assistance.

The Sacramento Police Department responded to the Comfort Inn & Suites and deployed the Special Weapons and Tactics (S.W.A.T) along with the Hostage Negotiation Team (H.N.T) in an effort to apprehend the suspects. Members of the Sacramento Police Department evacuated occupants of the Motel and officers established a perimeter around the property. At approximately 10:32 a.m., the Hostage Negotiation Team made phone contact with the occupants of the motel room and advised them to exit. The three occupants complied with directions and exited the room where they were detained without incident.

The three occupants of the room were identified as Raymond Vigel, Tamara Bassett and a male relative of Vigel. All three individuals were then transported to the Elk Grove Police Department for questioning. The green Honda was recovered from the parking lot and later towed. Raymond Vigel and Tamar Bassett were arrested for Penal Code 187 PC (Murder), while the relative who was initially detained was released after questioning. Detectives have not yet located the weapon used in the shooting.

Due to the ongoing nature of this investigation, photos of Vigel and Bassett will not be released at this time. Detectives believe that this shooting was not gang related nor was it related to any prior incidents that may have taken place. This incident was directly related to the physical confrontation that had taken place at the party involving Bassett.

Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to call the Elk Grove Police Department Communication Center (916) 714-5115 or Crime Alert at (916) 443-HELP (4357). Callers to Crime Alert can remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000.00. Tips can also be sent via SMS text message by entering CRIMES (274637) on a cell phone, followed by Tip732 and the message.

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