



Suspect Arrested for Attempted Murder

On August 13, 2005 at about 8:30 a.m., Redondo Beach Police officers responded to an unknown trouble call at a residence in the 2000 block of Ripley Lane. The first arriving officer was confronted by an adult female resident who had been stabbed and was covered in blood outside of the residence. The female stabbing victim told the officer that her husband was being stabbed inside the residence by another male subject. The officer approached the open front door of the residence and saw a subject, later identified as the female's husband, on the floor inside the residence with a large open wound to his neck. Seated near the husband was the suspect, who has been preliminarily identified as 34 year old Peter J. Profetto of Sherman Oaks.

Evidence located at the scene led to the suspect being arrested for attempted murder.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that the suspect was an overnight houseguest of the victims. After suffering her own stab wounds and witnessing her husband being stabbed with a butcher knife, the female victim retrieved their 18 month-old child from inside the residence and tried to run outside. She was chased by the suspect, who grabbed her and her child and tried to pull them back inside. When the suspect re-entered the residence, he was hit over the head with a chair yielded by the male victim, causing the suspect to lose his grasp on the female victim and her child. This heroic effort by the injured male victim allowed his wife and child to flee the residence without suffering further injury. The 18 month-old child was unhurt. Both victims were taken to Harbor General Hospital for treatment and both are expected to survive.

At this time, investigators are continuing to investigate this case to learn what led to the stabbings

Redondo Beach Police Department Lieutenant Jeff Hink prepared this press release. To obtain further information, please contact him at (310)379-2477 or via pager at (310)249-0370 or contact Redondo Beach Police Department Press Information Sergeant Phil Keenan at (310)379-2477 or via pager at (310)249-0160.