



## **SOUTH LAKE TAHOE POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Two Victims Stabbed**

On Wednesday night, 5-4-2016, around 11:20pm, officers were dispatched to the Denny's restaurant at the corner of Lake Tahoe and Al Tahoe Boulevards to investigate a stabbing victim seeking help. When officers arrived, they located a 43 year old white male victim pacing in front of the restaurant, holding a slashing incised wound to the side of his abdomen. Officers discovered another victim, a 31 year old white male, lying on the ground in front of the restaurant. This victim had been stabbed in the chest. Both victims are local residents of South Lake Tahoe. Neither victim was able to articulate details of this event clearly to the officers at the time. They were immediately taken to Barton Memorial Hospital for treatment of their injuries. The victim with the wound to his abdomen was treated and released. The other victim was admitted with life threatening injuries, but is expected to survive. Due to the preliminary nature of this investigation, the victim's names are not being released at this time.

Officers were able to determine that this crime occurred on a bicycle path to the rear of Meek's Lumber and Hardware at 2763 Lake Tahoe Boulevard. While the victims were there, two suspects in dark clothing approached them. All four men exchanged insults for reasons as yet unknown. Each of the two suspects possessed an edged weapon of an undetermined nature. Each of the two suspects attacked one of the victims with their edged weapon. Immediately after this violent encounter, the victims began making their way toward the Denny's restaurant and the suspects fled in an unknown direction. The suspects have thus far only been described as males about 5'-10" and around 160 pounds. One of the victims explained that he believed the suspects may be Hispanic, but this is unconfirmed at this point.

Officers and detectives canvassed the bike path behind Meek's Lumber and discovered evidence but no suspects. The investigation continues today. If anyone has potential information which may assist in this investigation, please call the South Lake Tahoe Police Department at 5430-542-6100 or Lake Tahoe Secret Witness at 530-541-6800.