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TWO STABBING INCIDENTS OVERNIGHT **Two victims at local hospitals, cases not connected**

Mesa County, Colorado—Deputies first responded to a report of a stabbing at approximately 10:40 p.m. on January 28, 2009, after dispatch received a call of a victim at 27 Road and Unawcep Avenue requesting medical assistance. The male victim, in his early 20's, was transported to St. Mary's hospital with multiple stab wounds.

Sheriff's Office investigators are searching an Orchard Mesa park for evidence related to this incident and are currently interviewing witnesses. There is currently no suspect information or motive available at this time.

The second stabbing incident was reported to deputies at approximately 1:30 a.m. after one victim arrived at Community hospital with stab wounds. The adult male victim was transported to Community hospital by private vehicle. Investigators are interviewing witnesses at this time and no suspect information is currently available.

Both cases remain open and actively worked at this time by investigators and deputies, with assistance on both incidents provided by the Grand Junction Police Department. Additional information will be released as it becomes available on both cases. All media inquiries regarding this case should be directed to the Public Information Office.

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