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TWO VICTIMS HOSPITALIZED, CONDITIONS UNKNOWN
Two stabbing cases not connected

Mesa County, Colorado—The investigation into two separate stabbing incidents that took place over night have resulted in one arrest and the other case remains active. Investigators arrested 58-year-old Mack Sadler of Brownie Circle, Grand Junction, early this morning on one count of 1st degree Assault in the stabbing of the male victim who went to Community hospital. Sadler's affidavit and booking photo is attached with more details.

Investigators have made no arrests in the first stabbing incident that occurred in Orchard Mesa just before 11 p.m. last night. However, three participants have been identified in that incident, one of which is the 20-year-old victim who remains at St. Mary's hospital. His name is being withheld pending further investigation. His condition is unknown at this time.

Further details will be released as they become available.

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Previously Released at 2:50 a.m.– 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 Unaweep 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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