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NAMPA POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

On May 26, 2011 at 4:01am the Nampa Police Department received a phone call of a shooting and stabbing at 116 Olive Street in Nampa. When officers arrived on scene they found subject with a wound to the head. The victim was then transported to a local hospital. The wound was found to be minor. The victim was treated at a local hospital. He was released shortly thereafter.

The victim, a 20 year old male from Nampa, told officers he was at a party in the 100 block of Olive Street. The victim advised officers that he was involved in an altercation with a subject at that location when a third subject shot him in the head. During the course of this investigation, it was learned that the report of a stabbing was false. There is no evidence to suggest a knife or other cutting instrument was involved. The victim did not receive stab wounds.

Officers on scene attempted to make contact with individuals in the house but nobody would answer the door. Due to the use of a firearm in this crime and potential for this situation to escalate further, The Nampa Police Tactical Response Team and Crisis Negotiation team were called to the location and took two individuals into custody.

At this time Nampa Police have charged 20 year old Maurico E. Lopez of Nampa with one count of Aggravated Battery and additional charges are pending. He is currently being held at the Canyon County jail and will be arraigned before a judge on Friday.

Alcohol is believed to have been a factor in this incident. The NPD is investigating whether or not subjects under the age of 21 were drinking alcohol at this party. There were several people in the house when this incident happened. Detectives have talked to numerous witnesses and will continue this investigation.

Anyone with information about this incident can call Det. Weekes at 475-5724.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY

18-907.AGGRAVATED BATTERY DEFINED A person commits aggravated battery who, in committing battery:

- (a) Causes great bodily harm, permanent disability or permanent disfigurement; or
- (b) Uses a deadly weapon or instrument.

18-908.AGGRAVATED BATTERY -- PUNISHMENT. An aggravated battery is punishable by imprisonment in the state prison not to exceed fifteen (15) years.



Marico E. Lopez

