



HAWTHORNE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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ATTEMPTED MURDER

On Monday, August 9, 2010, at about 1:45 AM, Hawthorne Police Officers responded to an apartment building in the 13600 block of Kornblum Avenue, City of Hawthorne, on a report of a stabbing. Upon arrival, officers located a 19 year old male stabbing victim inside of a third story apartment. The victim had been stabbed once in the abdomen, and his injuries were considered to be life threatening.

The victim was treated by Los Angeles County Fire Department personnel, and transported by ambulance to an area hospital. His condition is described as "critical."

Police investigation indicated that a dispute occurred between parties inside of the apartment where the victim was located, and a resident of a second apartment, in the same building. Eventually, the dispute escalated to the point where the stabbing occurred.

The suspect remained at the scene and was arrested by responding patrol officers.

Hawthorne Police Department Detectives obtained a search warrant for the related premises and are currently investigating this matter.

The suspect in this matter is:

Christopher Atkins
26 year-old resident of Hawthorne

He is presently in-custody at the Hawthorne Police Department Jail.