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Arrest Made in Gas Station Homicide

ELK GROVE, CA – On Monday, May 14, 2007 at 5:38 p.m., the Elk Grove Police Department responded to the Shell Gas Station at West Taron Drive and Elk Grove Boulevard regarding a stabbing that had taken place.

The Elk Grove Police Department and medical personnel arrived at the above location and discovered a 29-year old male adult suffering from a stab wound to the upper torso. The victim of the stabbing was transported to a local area hospital where he died as a result of his injuries. The name of the victim has not been released and identification will be made by the Sacramento County Coroner's Office.

According to Detectives, a verbal argument between two individuals at the gas pumps outside of the Shell Gas Station quickly escalated into a physical altercation. During this altercation, several more individuals joined the fight. The stabbing victim, who was working as a clerk inside the Gas Station, apparently came outside to breakup the fight. As the victim attempted to separate the parties involved, the suspect, later identified as John Edwin Donstead (10-8-1979) a 26-year old Sacramento resident, stabbed the victim several times. The weapon used in the homicide was recovered at the scene.

Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to call the Elk Grove Police Department Communications Center at (916) 714-5115 or the Elk Grove Police Department Detectives Bureau at (916) 478-8060.



John Edwin Donstead
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