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## **Man Arrested for Felony Battery in Connection with Protest**



### **NEWS RELEASE**

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**Oakdale, CA** – An Oakdale man wanted in connection with a fight during a protest event from June 3<sup>rd</sup> has turned himself in to the Oakdale Police Department.

On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, the City of Oakdale was prepared for a social media advertised demonstration in the area of the Gene Bianchi Community Center. It was the police department's intent to provide a safe environment and a safe place for people to demonstrate and express their first amendment rights afforded to them under the Constitution. For about three and a half hours the protest was peaceful.

Toward the end of the demonstration, officers were sent to the north side of "F" Street to address reports of people drinking from open containers of suspected alcoholic beverages in public within a group of counter-protestors. While officers were in route to the violators and addressing these concerns, a convertible went by the north side of "F" Street across from the Gene Bianchi Community Center. One of the counter-protestors then punched a passenger in the vehicle. As officers intervened, a fight broke out. Initially, three people involved in the incident were arrested, including the man who started the fight by punching the front passenger. One of the three men arrested was later released from the police department and charges were not pursued as it became clear to us that he was a victim during the assault.



Detectives continued to investigate the incident and specifically focused their efforts the past several weeks on a second assault that occurred by another counter-protestor from the north side of "F" Street. The second assault suspect also punched into the

convertible striking a victim in the rear passenger seat causing significant facial injuries. The suspect ran from the scene into the crowd at the time. The victim also left the scene in the convertible. The victim contacted police on June 5<sup>th</sup> to provide information regarding the assault and the suspect. At that time, police became aware of the significant injuries reported by the victim.

Police reviewed numerous photos and videos from many sources related to the incident and with the public's assistance were able to identify the suspect as 33-year-old Jeremy Joseph Wilson. Investigators served a search warrant related to the case on July 7<sup>th</sup>. An arrest warrant was obtained for Wilson for violation of 243 PC – Felony Battery. Wilson surrendered this afternoon at the Oakdale Police Department and will be booked into the Stanislaus County Public Safety Center.

Additionally, below are photographs of a man wearing a black cap and blue shirt who was also involved in the incident. Police have not yet identified the man in the blue shirt and are interested in speaking with him about the incident.

We want to thank our community and law enforcement partners for their assistance in this investigation.

