



## FAIRBANKS POLICE

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## PRESS RELEASE

**Date:** December 13, 2007

**Time:** 2312 hours

**Incident Title:** Attempted Murder

**Case Number:** 07-25399

On 12/13/06 at approximately 2312 hrs, Fairbanks Police and EMS responded to the intersection of Barnette and 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue for a reported stabbing. Upon arrival the suspect had fled the area on foot.

Investigation by Fairbanks Police revealed that Michael D. Vondra, 9/7/70, Fairbanks resident and Thomas E. Garrett, 4/17/69 Fairbanks resident, were obtaining a ride in an Alaska Cab, when Vondra began stabbing Garrett in the neck. The cab driver escaped the scene without injury. Garrett fled to a nearby residence and sought assistance for his injuries and notification to "911". Garrett was transported to FMH via ambulance where he underwent surgery for his injuries and was listed as being in stable condition in the Intensive Care Unit.

Fairbanks Police began searching the area with the assistance of the Fairbanks Police Department K-9 and followed a track to Vondra's residence at 2815 Wilson, apt #2. With evidence outside the residence, Fairbanks Police Investigations Division applied to the court and received a search warrant for the residence and an arrest warrant for Vondra. Due to the seriousness of the offense and background information received on Vondra, members of the Fairbanks Tactical Police were called out to execute the entry into the residence. Vondra was not located at the residence and police continued searching the area.

The residence of Vondra's ex-girlfriend was located one block away at 2800 Barnette Street. Contact with the resident's at that location revealed that Vondra was inside. Vondra then surrendered to police without incident. Vondra was arrested and later remanded at the Fairbanks Correctional Center for Attempted Murder in the Second Degree and Tampering with Evidence.

A motive for the stabbing is still under investigation.

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