

# CHINO VALLEY POLICE NEWS RELEASE

## FIGHT LEADS TO STABBING

On September 30, 2016 at approx. 5:45 pm Chino Valley Police Department responded to a report of a stabbing in the 700 block of Ruth Rd. As officer's responded to Ruth Rd another report of a stabbing victim on Tumbleweed Dr was being provided. Officers from Chino Valley Police and Deputies from the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office responded to both locations.

Three (3) people, with lacerations, were located at the two locations. They had injuries ranging from non-life threatening to critical. On Ruth Rd an Officer located Harold Bradford, a 45 year old Chino Valley resident. He had lacerations to both his hands and was listed as non-life threatening. He was transported to YRMC East for his injuries. Anthony Bradford, a 20 year old Phoenix resident, had lacerations to his hands and arm, his injuries were believed to be critical and he was transported to YRMC West. The third subject, Nathan Cox a 45 year old Chino Valley resident had lacerations to his head, neck and back and was transported to YRMC in critical condition and later flown to a Phoenix hospital for his injuries.

The investigation is still ongoing but initial information indicates a physical altercation occurred between Nathan Cox and Anthony Bradford earlier in the afternoon. Witnesses said the physical altercation was initiated by Mr. Cox. After the initial altercation, Anthony walked to his father, Harold Bradford's, residence. Anthony reported the altercation to his father and the pair, accompanied by a third individual, walked over to Mr. Cox's residence with the intent to cause physical harm. The pair was armed with at least one bladed weapon.

Anthony and Harold forced entry into the Cox residence where a physical altercation occurred involving at least one bladed weapon. The altercation continued and Mr. Cox fought back until Harold and Anthony fled the scene.

Harold and Anthony were helped away from the residence into a nearby wash where they began yelling for help. The neighbors came out and began providing first aid and summoning law enforcement and medical personnel.

Mr. Cox was able to exit his residence and began going through the neighborhood, in the opposite direction, trying to summon aid for his injuries. The residences he attempted to get help from were not home and he finally collapsed in the road about 1 block from his residence where he was located by police.

Harold was treated for his injuries and upon his release was booked into YCSO Jail on Attempted Murder, Aggravated Assault, Endangerment and Burglary in the 1<sup>st</sup> degree. Anthony was treated for his injuries but left the hospital against medical advice after initial care and treatment. Nathan Cox remains at the Phoenix hospital where he is being treated.

This investigation is still on going and charges are pending against Anthony Bradford and Nathan Cox for the incidents that occurred on September 30, 2016.

The Chino Valley Police Department would like to thank the citizens in the area of this incident for their quick response and willingness to help someone in need as well as their cooperation with our investigation. We would also like to thank the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office for their quick response and help with the initial scene and incident.

