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PRESS INFORMATION

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Attempted Murder

CASE NUMBER: 18-02097

GENERAL LOCATION: Ponderosa Way Manton

DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT: October 31, 2018 0221 hours

VICTIM/S NAME: Romanzov, Vasili

SUSPECT: Pijenko, Michail

AGE: 47

CHARGES: 664/187 PC Attempted Murder

BAIL: \$500,000

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT: On October 31, 2018 at approximately 0221 hours, the Tehama County Sheriff's Office received a call reporting a disturbance involving an intoxicated guest at the Monastery of St. John located on Ponderosa Way, Manton. While Deputies were responding, the Tehama County Sheriff's Dispatch Center received another call reporting the intoxicated guest had armed himself with a knife.

At approximately 0249 hours, the Tehama County Sheriff's Dispatch Center received a call from a neighbor of the monastery who reported Vasili Romanzov, a resident at the monastery, had been stabbed.

Tehama County Sheriff's Deputies arrived at the monastery and took Michail Pijenko into custody inside the monastery without incident. A kitchen knife was located next to Michail Pijenko.

Vasili Romanzov reported he was stabbed twice with a kitchen knife while inside his bathroom. Vasili Romanzov reported the suspect was a visitor to the monastery and the attack was unprovoked. After the attack, Vasili Romanzov fled to the neighbor's residence. Vasili Romanzov was transported to a local area hospital for treatment.

Michail Pijenko was booked into the Tehama County jail for 664/187 PC Attempted Murder.

Reporting Officer: Detective K. Lovelady