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DAVE HENCRATT
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PRESS INFORMATION

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Homicide

CASE NUMBER: 20-01775

GENERAL LOCATION: Open field east of 70 Byron Avenue

DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT: October 21st, 2020 around 11:48 AM

VICTIM #1: Weaver, John Edmond Jr. **AGE:** 35

ADDRESS: Red Bluff

SUSPECT #1: Chavez, David Anthony **AGE:** 34

ADDRESS: Red Bluff



SUMMARY OF INCIDENT: On October 21st, 2020 around 11:48 AM, deputies from the Tehama County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to a report of an unresponsive/man down call in an open field just east of 70 Byron Avenue.

Upon deputy's arrival, they located a male subject who was lying face down in the field. The subject who was later positively identified as John Edmond Weaver Jr. was determined to be deceased.

During the course of the investigation, investigators from the Tehama Major Crimes Unit (TMCU) identified and interviewed several witnesses associated with the incident. Investigators determined shortly before Mr. Weaver's death he was involved in a physical altercation with David Anthony Chavez in front of an apartment located near 95 Mina Avenue. During the incident Mr. Chavez struck Mr. Weaver several times in the area of the head and placed Mr. Weaver in a form of a choke hold. A bystander broke up the altercation, at which point Mr. Weaver walked away from the location. Mr. Weaver was found deceased approximately 30 yards away from the location of where the physical altercation had transpired.

Major crimes investigators were made aware of a video that surfaced on social media of the altercation and were able to secure the video as evidence. Investigators were also advised that other bystanders were video recording the physical altercation as it took place. Investigators are asking that anyone who has video recordings of the incident to email them to Detective Dustin Maria at dmaria@tehamaso.org.

Mr. Chavez was interviewed and subsequently arrested for his involvement in the incident based on the statements of witnesses and the totality of the evidence at the scene. Chavez was booked into the Tehama County Jail on an open count of murder; bail was set at \$1,000,000.00.

An autopsy is scheduled on Mr. Weaver at 12:00 PM at the Tehama County Sheriff's Office.

The homicide investigation is ongoing. If you have any information regarding this investigation please contact Captain Dave Kain, Lt. Jeff Garrett or Detective Rob Bakken at the Tehama Major Crimes Unit (TMCU) (530) 529-7920.