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UPDATE: ELPD Investigates Reported Assault

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EAST LANSING, Mich. — The East Lansing Police Department (ELPD) is continuing its investigation of the reported assault that took place on Sunday, Aug. 26.

Witnesses have been located and interviewed. The motive behind the assault does not appear to be based on the victim's religion according to witness accounts. Many witnesses have been identified and interviewed, but ELPD believes there are other witnesses that have not been located. They are encouraged to contact ELPD at 1-877-ELPD-TIP.

Witnesses and the victim state that after the assault there was a small piece of metal in the victim's mouth. It's unknown how it got there.

"This assault, as with any other assault, will be investigated fully to hold any and all suspects accountable," said ELPD Capt. Jeff Murphy. "This is a serious assault and ELPD is putting every resource available into the investigation."

An 18-year-old Farmington Hills man has been identified as a suspect in the case. Once the investigation is complete all evidence will be turned over to the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office for review. At the conclusion of the investigation, the police report will be made available to news organizations through the proper channels.

Background

ELPD was notified of an assault that took place at approximately 2:30 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 26 in the 500 block of Spartan Avenue. The victim states he was assaulted by two suspects while at a party in the area. The victim claims that the suspects asked if he was Jewish and when he responded "yes" he was punched in the face. The victim sought his own medical treatment at a local hospital and was released.

The ELPD Detective Bureau has been working the case since being notified of the assault.

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