



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



STABBING AT APPLE TREE CAFÉ IN SYCAMORE TOWNSHIP

Sycamore Township, Cincinnati, Ohio, May 18, 2013 – Chief Deputy Mark Schoonover, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, reports a stabbing that occurred on May 18, 2013 at the Apple Tree Café in Sycamore Township.

At approximately 0024 hours, Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to the Apple Tree Café for a report of a person stabbed. The victim, a 60 year old employee of the cafe, was found laying on the floor in the rear of the business suffering from several stab wounds to the abdomen after deputies made entry through a rear door. While cleaning the restaurant after closing, he took trash to a dumpster behind the business and may have been followed back inside by a subject armed with a large knife. The suspect, only described as a shorter white male wearing a ski mask, attacked the victim, stabbing him several times before fleeing on foot in an unknown direction. The victim apparently passed out for an unknown length of time, but was able to call police when he regained consciousness. There was nothing known missing from the business and a motive for the attack is unclear. The victim was transported to University Hospital by Sycamore Township Fire and EMS where he was treated for non-life threatening injuries.

This incident remains under investigation by the Sheriff's Criminal Investigation Section. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Sheriff's Patrol at 825-1500 or Crime Stoppers at 352-3040.

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