

The County Line Reminder 9-21-07 Drug deal gone bad leaves one man injured, second in custody

BRANDON TWP. — A confrontation between an alleged small time drug dealer and his customer left one 18-year-old man hospitalized and another in custody Wednesday.

Sgt. Mike Searing said as many as six people were involved in the incident, which occurred at 9:49 p.m. Tuesday near the corner of Pinoak and Birch streets, according to Oakland County Sheriff's office reports.

Searing said witnesses told deputies the confrontation began Monday when the 18-year-old victim reportedly grabbed some marijuana ciga-

rettes from the 18-year-old suspect who was reportedly selling them out of his bedroom window and ran off.

Witnesses told deputies the suspect and several others chased the victim and at least one other person through the neighborhood armed with baseball bats and knives. Deputies were called, but by the time they arrived everyone had slipped away, said Searing.

Deputies were called back to the neighborhood Tuesday because of reports of a confrontation between the victim and suspect near the sus-

pect's home.

Searing said witnesses told deputies the victim and others had been driving past the suspect's home, throwing rocks and taunting the suspect. The suspect reportedly came out of his home and struck the victim in the head with a baseball bat.

The victim was taken to POH Hospital in Pontiac, where he received 14 staples to close his wounds before being released.

Searing said the investigation continues and other warrants may be sought.

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