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Rochester Hills man arrested for golf club, hammer assault

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Rochester Hills – An argument over money led one man to pummel another with a golf club and a 3-pound hammer, according to the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

On Wednesday, deputies arrested a Rochester Hills man at his home in the 300 block of East Avon Road after reports that he allegedly clubbed another man with a Taylor Made "Burner" Driver.

The victim, a 41-year-old Washington Township resident, was at the home of Gerrado Santos trying to get paid for some work he had done for Santos, according to a police report.

After arguing over the fee, Santos reportedly went into the garage of the home and returned with a golf club. Santos began hitting his computer with it and then swung it at the victim's face, missing it by inches.

Santos then allegedly struck the victim several times in the legs, eventually breaking the head off the shaft of the golf club. Santos then reportedly ran back to the garage and returned with a 3-pound hammer.

Police said Santos clawed the victim's face and forced him onto a couch. While holding the victim's head on the couch, Santos violently struck the hammer onto the couch's armrest near the victim's head and threatened to kill him.

The victim escaped and called the sheriff's department.

Santos was arrested at the scene and was arraigned Thursday before 52-3 District Court Magistrate Mark Sadecki on a charge of felonious assault, a four-year felony.

Santos is in the Oakland County Jail on a \$25,000 cash bond and with a preliminary examination date set for Dec. 22.

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