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PRESS RELEASE

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ASSAULT INVESTIGATION LEADS TO ARREST IN OROVILLE

Oroville, CA – On April 3, 2025, at approximately 11:50 AM, an outside agency requested assistance from the Oroville Police Department regarding a distraught female located on the Highway 70 bridge near Montgomery Street.

While officers were en route, the Oroville Police Department Dispatch Center received additional information indicating the female had been assaulted and was bleeding from a head wound. Following a trail of blood droplets, first responders located the victim near a nearby bike trail and immediately rendered aid. She was transported to a local hospital for treatment.

The victim reported she had been struck in the head with a machete and that her dog was also attacked with the weapon.

During a search of the area, officers located a machete near the scene of the assault. Shortly afterward, they located and arrested 32-year-old Charles Hipes of Oroville in the area of Centennial Park. He was taken into custody without incident and booked into the Butte County Jail on charges of felony assault with a deadly weapon, animal cruelty, and infliction of corporal injury. Based on the initial investigation, the victim and suspect are known to each other; this incident was not a random attack.

This investigation involved a response from multiple agencies. The Oroville Police Department would like to extend its sincere gratitude to the California Highway Patrol, California State Parks, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for their assistance and support.

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