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PRESS RELEASE

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On 04/24/2020 at approximately 2:05 AM, Precinct 8 Sgt. A. Cruz was on routine patrol near the intersection of El Dorado Blvd and the Gulf Freeway in Webster, Harris County, TX. While at this intersection, Sgt. Cruz was flagged down about an aggravated assault involving a deadly weapon that had just occurred minutes prior. Sgt. Cruz was advised by witnesses that an individual known as “the Samoan” was involved in a verbal argument with the victim. Sgt. Cruz was able to identify “the Samoan” as Pita Faapito from previous arrests involving Faapito. Deputy Toliver and Deputy Ramirez arrived and made contact with the victim and discovered that he had serious injuries to his hands and legs. Deputy Toliver and Deputy Ramirez learned that Faapito caused the injuries with a machete after the argument became heated. EMS was dispatched to the scene and additional units arrived to assist with an area search for the suspect. Deputy Toliver and Deputy Ramirez recalled seeing the suspect east on El Dorado Blvd. just prior to Sgt. Cruz’s arrival. An extensive search of the area was conducted to no avail.

The victim was transported by EMS to HCA Houston Clear Lake Hospital where he is listed in stable condition. He was able to positively identify 38 year old Faapito as the suspect. Deputy Toliver and Deputy Ramirez contacted the Harris County District Attorney Office and filed Aggravated Assault-Deadly Weapon charges against Faapito and a felony warrant was issued for his arrest.

At approximately 9:20 AM, Deputies and Investigators with the Precinct 8 Criminal Warrants Division were able to locate Faapito in the 18200 block of the Gulf Fwy. behind a Home Depot. He was taken into custody and will be transported to the Harris County Jail for booking.

Jason Finnen, Chief Deputy
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