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SUMMIT COUNTY, COLORADO- Shortly after 3:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 17, 2014, a Summit County Sheriff's Office Patrol Deputy located an 18 year old male stumbling on Swan Mountain Road East of Sapphire Point. The individual was covered in blood and had sustained obvious facial lacerations. The individual was transported to St. Anthony Summit Medical Center in Frisco and subsequently air lifted to St. Anthony Hospital in Denver due to severe trauma and bodily injury.

During the initial interview, the victim stated he was attacked in the woods by known assailants. Investigators had to wait until after the victim had completed surgery before further information could be discussed.

As the investigation continued, detectives were able to learn that the victim was attacked by a male known to the victim. The suspect was identified by the victim as Tyrus Vanmatre, 20 years old from Littleton, Colorado. Vanmatre apparently drove the victim to Summit County under false pretenses with the specific intent to kill the victim.

After arriving in Summit County, Vanmatre lured the victim into the woods near Sapphire Point on Swan Mountain Road, in unincorporated Summit County. After arriving at a predetermined location, Vanmatre began to attack the victim with a machete. The victim was able to fight back and ultimately escaped Vanmatre's attack. Due to the night darkness, the victim was able to hide and elude Vanmatre's searching.

On Wednesday, June 18, 2014, Sheriff's Office Detectives obtained an arrest warrant for Tyrus Walter Vanmatre for the charges of attempted Murder in the First Degree, a class 2 felony, Conspiracy, a class 6 felony, Assault in the First Degree, a class 3 felony, and Menacing, a class 5 felony. Vanmatre, was subsequently arrested and remains in custody. No bond has been set.

Sheriff John Minor stated, "This was a very tragic event and the victim is extremely lucky to have survived. I am very proud of all of the Sheriff's Office staff that came together and worked diligently to solve this case."

Charges are merely allegations and all persons are entitled to presumption of innocence.

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