



# ONTARIO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## *Press Release*

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**Ontario, Oregon:** On March 01, 2020 at approximately 2:30 pm, the Ontario Police Department responded to 1055 NW Washington Ave., Ontario, Oregon, regarding a stabbing incident at the Burnt River Farms, marijuana dispensary.

Upon arriving at the location, OPD patrol personnel found the stabbing victim (name being withheld at this time), a male, Hispanic adult, down on the concrete walkway next to the business; suffering from a stab wound to his upper body. OPD Officer's rendered the scene safe and administered life saving efforts to the victim. Despite life saving efforts by emergency personnel, the victim was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Through interviews of witnesses, as well as reviewing video evidence and physical evidence at the scene, investigating detectives have learned that the victim is believed to be from the Ontario, Oregon area.

At this time, OPD has learned that two suspect(s) male, Hispanics, and the victim had been involved in a verbal confrontation inside the business, prior to the attack.

The investigation by the Ontario Police Department, Oregon State Police, and Malheur County Sheriff Office is on-going and the motive for the attack leans towards the incident possibly being gang related. Law enforcement is currently pursuing several leads that have resulted in the detention of one "person of interest" in the State of Idaho and the possible voluntary surrender of a second person of interest.

This investigation is on-going and further details will be shared as they become available.

### **CONTACT:**

Chief Steven Romero: Monday Through Friday 8:00-5:00 pm to request in-person or telephonic interview.