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**Ontario, Oregon:** On November 15, 2019 at approximately, 0030 hours, the Ontario Police Department responded to the Emergency Department of the St. Alphonsus Medical Center, 351 SW 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Ontario, Oregon. Responding officers learned that a stabbing incident had occurred within the hospital emergency room.

Investigating OPD personnel learned that 28-year-old, Ramiro Garcia, a Nampa resident, had stabbed his adult wife multiple times while inside an emergency room bay. Ramiro Garcia is reported to have been initially taken to the hospital by family members, for what they categorized as "freaking out" behavior. Ramiro Garcia was subsequently captured in the 300 block of SW 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Ontario after fleeing from the crime scene and causing damage to the hospital facility as well.

The victim suffered multiple stab wounds to the upper body area and was initially treated by St. Alphonsus Medical Center staff. The victim was then transferred to an out of area trauma center for advanced medical care. The victim is reported to be in stable condition and recovering from her injuries.

Suspect Ramiro Garcia was arrested and lodged at the Malheur County Jail. Ramiro could face charges of Attempted-Murder, Assault 1, Harassment, and Criminal Mischief 1. The case was submitted to the Malheur County District Attorney, for filing consideration, on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

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