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Sheriff's Media Release

On 5/28/18 at about 1:41 AM, several masked suspects entered a garage in the 100 Block of Monte Vista Drive in Aptos and assaulted three teenage boys with a hammer while two of them were sleeping. The teenagers (ages 16,16,17) all suffered head injuries. After the assault, the suspects stole several items and fled the area in an unknown vehicle.

The 17-year-old victim was taken to a trauma center for a significant head injury and is still in critical condition. The other two victims were taken to a local hospital for treatment and have since been released.

Sheriff's Office Detectives began their investigation immediately after the attack and Crime Scene Investigators processed the home for forensic evidence. The surrounding area was canvassed for surveillance video that may have captured the suspect's vehicle fleeing the area.

The suspects could only be described as men between the ages of 18-20. The motive for the targeted attack remains unclear and Sheriff's Detectives are following up on potential leads.

Anyone with information regarding this attack is asked to call Person's Crimes Sergeant Dee Baldwin at (831) 454-7635.

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