



## Vacaville Police Department

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## *Press Release*

**Today's Date:** 08-19-2011  
**Date & Time Occurred:** 08-19-2011 at 5:16 p.m.  
**Submitted By:** Sgt. Mark Donaldson  
**Phone:** (707) 449-5200  
**Type of Crime/Incident:** 245(c) P.C. / Assault with a Deadly Weapon on a Peace Officer  
**Case Number:** 11-05715  
**Location:** 200 block of Luzena  
**Suspect:** Donald Cunningham, 54, Vacaville resident

### **Vacaville man attempts to stab two police officers**

#### Narrative:

On August 19, 2011 at 5:16 PM, the Vacaville Police Department Communications Center received a call from a female in the 200 block of Luzena Avenue. The caller reported her intoxicated ex-husband broke into her backyard through a side fence. The male was later identified as 54-year-old S-Donald Cunningham.

Once in the backyard, he forced his way into her garage through a back door. S-Cunningham refused to leave and told his ex-wife he wanted something to happen so he could die. S-Cunningham went on to tell the female he wanted the "cops" to come deal with him. The caller indicated the garage contained some large hunting knives.

When officers arrived, they approached the backyard in an effort to speak with S-Cunningham. S-Cunningham was observed seated on a chair inside the garage armed with two large hunting knives. When S-Cunningham saw officers, he got up from the chair and came toward the officers with the knives raised. S-Cunningham told officers he was going to stab them. Cunningham was ordered to drop the knives but refused.

As he continued toward the officers, one officer fired his Taser, striking S-Cunningham on his upper torso. S-Cunningham fell to the ground and was safely taken into custody.

After being medically cleared at a local hospital, S-Cunningham was booked into Solano County Jail on two counts of assault with a deadly weapon on a peace officer.



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