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ARREST MADE IN KNIFE ATTACK

On October 6th, at about 10:22am, officers were dispatched to the 200 block of South 4th Street regarding a stabbing that had just occurred. Upon arriving, officers learned the incident happened on the 200 block of North Hachman. The victim stated he was sleeping in a chair and was woken up when his roommate, 44-year-old Coalinga resident Randy Estrada, began yelling at him. Shortly after that, Estrada began to physically attack the victim, punching him in the head several times. The victim said Estrada was holding a large knife in his hand and began to threaten to kill the victim. The victim said they struggled for the knife, at which time the victim sustained a large laceration on his hand. The victim was able to calm Estrada down and the attack stopped. Estrada then held the victim at the residence and forced, at knife point, the victim to clean up the blood from his injuries. The victim was finally able to leave the residence and went to a friend's house to call for help.

The victim was transported to the Regional Medical Center in Fresno to have his wounds treated.

Officers responded to the 200 block of North Hachman and found Estrada leaving his residence, carrying a large area rug. Estrada was arrested without incident. Further investigation revealed that Estrada was in the process of disposing of several pieces of evidence in an attempt to cover up the crime. He was later transported to the Fresno County Jail for charges related to Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Terrorist Threats, and False Imprisonment.