PRESS RELEASE

On November 3, 2023, at approximately 1:50 P.M., a hate crime occurred at Stanford University, in Unincorporated Santa Clara County. The victim, a Stanford student of Syrian decent, was struck by a vehicle as he crossed the intersection of Campus Drive and Ayrshire Farm Lane, located on the Stanford University Campus. The driver, who is currently unidentified, yelled “Fuck you and your people” at the victim as he fled the scene. The victim believed he was targeted by the suspect because of the shirt that he wore. The victim’s shirt had “Damascus” written in Arabic. The victim sustained non-life-threatening injuries from the incident and was transported to Stanford Hospital for medical treatment.

The victim provided a description of the suspect as an unshaven, White male-adult, in his mid-20s. The suspect wore a grey top and prescription glasses. The suspect’s vehicle was described as a black Toyota SUV with a tire mounted on the rear of the vehicle. The Toyota SUV should have front passenger side bumper damage from the collision.

It’s believed there were people who may have been walking near the area around the time of the incident and who may have witnessed what occurred. The Sheriff’s Office is asking anyone who may have witnessed this incident, or anyone with any information in this active investigation to call the Sheriff’s Office at 408-808-4500. Alternatively, anyone can contact the Sheriff’s Office Investigative Services anonymous tip line at 408-808-4431. Attached below is a sketch of the suspect as well as stock photos of a similar vehicle.