

Son Accused of Attacking Dad with Sword

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ORION TOWNSHIP, Mich. - A young man is accused of trying to kill his father with a sword. The injuries are severe, and the father's thumbs were nearly severed.

It happened at the family's Orion Township home. Police say the father had tried to talk to his son about his drinking. Instead, the son allegedly grabbed a sword and went after his dad.

A three and a half foot sword was used in that bloody attack Tuesday night. The Oakland County sheriff says Dr. Eric Taylor had gone upstairs to speak to his son, 19-year-old Keith Taylor, about his drinking.

"Said something, he was going to call the police, and turned to leave the room, at which time he was assaulted from behind with this sword, slashed across the back," said Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard.

The sheriff says Dr. Taylor tried to defend himself and was hurt even worse in the process.

"One of the natural reactions, typically, when somebody's coming at you with a weapon is to grab it, which he did. He's nearly severed both of his thumbs. He's got some very severe hand wounds," Bouchard said.

He also has wounds on his forehead and arm. Taylor's other son, a 24-year-old, tried to help his father. He was hurt, but treated at the scene.

The 63-year-old dentist, a well respected Rochester Hills periodontist described as a perfectionist, may have permanent damage to his hands and has undergone surgery.

Investigators are still trying to determine why Keith Taylor had a sword.

"He has a lot of interest in some violent video games, and I know in a lot of those games there's the sword wielding kind of activity. So, maybe that was part of it. We just don't know at this point. It's still being investigated," said Bouchard.

Keith Taylor is charged with assault with intent to murder and assault with intent to maim. His bond was set at \$500,000.

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