

**HENDERSON COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE SEEKS
ATTEMPTED MURDER AND ARMED ROBBERY
SUSPECT**

Late Wednesday night, November 26th 2008 at approximately 11:50 p.m. suspect JAMES ALAN BENSON, w/m, 26 years of age, 5'09" in height, brown hair and brown eyes entered the residence of the victim Edward Benson located on Humphrey Drive in Henderson County. JAMES BENSON assaulted the suspect with a machete inflicting serious injury to the victim; the victim is the suspect's grandfather. JAMES BENSON got away with approximately \$ 200,000.00 in U.S. Currency and is possibly attempting to flee the United States.

Attached is a photograph of suspect JAMES BENSON with his wife. BENSON may be driving a 1989 Volkswagon Jetta, blue/grey in color, the license plate for this vehicle is North Carolina TWC-5372. BENSON is intrigued with the country of China and the Chinese culture. BENSON has worked in Chinese restaurants and is familiar with the Chinese language and married his wife who is from and remains in China.

Warrants for the arrest of BENSON have been issued and is wanted for (1) Robbery with a dangerous weapon, and (2) attempted 1st degree murder.

If anyone should have information on JAMES ALAN BENSON or his whereabouts should contact their local law enforcement immediately or CRIMESTOPPERS at 828.697.STOP

JAMES BENSON should not be approached and is considered dangerous and, is unknown whether or not he has a weapon. The investigation is continuing.



UPDATE: Attached is a different photo of suspect James Benson, please feel free to get this out with your available resources. The Henderson County Sheriff's Office is still actively searching for JAMES BENSON for Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon and Attempted 1st degree murder. Few leads have come into the Sheriff's Office; none have led to Benson's arrest. It is unknown exactly where he may be.

The 1989 Volkswagon Jetta has been located in Edneyville off of Docs Road therefore are no longer searching for the vehicle. It is not definite if the vehicle was used in the commission of the crime; BENSON is in an unknown vehicle or other mode of travel at this time. No new information comes from finding the vehicle, detectives remain actively investigating the incident and his whereabouts.

