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Assault Investigation

On 5/19/23 at approximately 2pm officers were called to Avalon Café at 120 E. Liberty for a report of an assault. The investigation revealed a 20-year-old Ann Arbor woman was struck in the head by a stick while she was sitting at an outdoor table at the café. When officers arrived on scene, they located a suspect in the area of E. William Street and S. Fourth Avenue.

The preliminary investigation revealed a 29-year-old Ann Arbor man was walking westbound on E. Liberty carrying a stick. When he approached the café, he swung the stick and struck the victim on the back of her head. The suspect and victim were not known to each other, and the incident is believed to be random. After striking the victim, the suspect kept walking along E. Liberty and was followed by several witnesses until he stopped near the parking structure near E. William and S. Fourth, where officers arrested him without incident.

The suspect was transported to University of Michigan hospital for medical treatment. The victim was treated for minor injuries. Charges are pending prosecutor review.