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3 arrested for allegedly assaulting woman, boyfriend at her house in La Porte

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A La Porte man, his sister and another woman have been arrested for allegedly rushing into the man's estranged wife's house and assaulting her and her boyfriend.

Rio Cunningham, 26, Christa Cunningham, 22, and Christian Platt, 22, are all charged with burglary with intent to commit aggravated assault.

La Porte police spokesman Sgt. John Krueger said Rio Cunningham told his estranged wife he was going to pick up their mutual 2-year-old child Friday night (March 2) at her house in the 1200 block of Oregon Avenue. He arrived at the house around 12:30 a.m. Saturday with the two women, Krueger said, and banged on the door. When the female victim opened the door, the suspects allegedly rushed in, knocking her over. They then allegedly proceeded to assault her and her boyfriend with different objects, including a frying pan.

The male victim defended himself with a pocket knife, probably stabbing Rio Cunningham, and eventually managed to grab a cordless phone, get out the back door and dial 911, Krueger said. However, he was allegedly attacked again by Rio and Christa Cunningham before being able to speak to the dispatcher. The call could be traced to the address and units were dispatched to the house.

Arriving officers first noticed a female sitting in a car in front of the residence, who turned out to be the suspects' designated driver for the night, Krueger said. He said the suspects were all intoxicated at the time of the alleged assault. Officers were able to arrest Christa Cunningham and Platt on scene and Rio Cunningham was located in his vehicle on the other side of town,

Krueger said. Apparently, Rio Cunningham had been trying to get back together with his estranged wife, Krueger said.

The three suspects are out of Harris County Jail on \$30,000 bond. If convicted, they face five to 99 years in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine.