# [***7 charged with assault, rioting in St. Paul melee***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:47KG-9T30-00J2-352X-00000-00&context=1516831)

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Seven men were charged Tuesday with assault and rioting in connection with a fight outside a St. Paul pool hall last week.

     Thanh Tran, 24, of Roseville remains in critical condition at Regions Hospital after the Dec. 26 incident, in which he was shot.

   A machete, a rifle, a handgun, sticks and knives were involved in two "group vs. group" fights, according to criminal complaints filed in Ramsey County District Court. Some of those charged told police that they called others on ***cell phones*** to join the 4 a.m. fracas in a pool hall parking lot on Sherburne Avenue near Chatsworth Street. Police reported that more than 20 people were involved in the fighting.

     One of the men charged with second-degree rioting, Kevin N. Pham, 26, of St. Paul, had his thumb cut off by a machete during the fight.

     Do D. Nguyen, 19, of St. Anthony and Duc H. Vu, 27, of Santa Ana, Calif., were charged with second-degree assault and second-degree rioting. The four others charged with second-degree rioting are Somon Huot, 26, of St. Paul; Duy T. Nguyen, 18, of St. Paul; Hiep N. Chu. 29, of Vadnais Heights, and Duc N. Nguyen, 21, of St. Anthony.

     According to the complaint, witnesses told police that Chu and Tran are leaders of a gang known as 007.

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