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DEVORE, Calif., May 29 (UPI) — A man was beaten to death and 44 people were seriously injured today at a festival of rock music and technology that drew 300,000 people in its second day.

Police arrested 87 people at the threeday US Festival, held here for the second year. Most were charged with drug use, drunkenness, car stealing or theft.

"It's an absolute zoo," said San Bernardino County Sheriff Floyd Tidwell. "This is a different kind of crowd than last year. They're a little more prone to violence and selling narcotics."

He said nearly all the trouble happened outside the huge natural amphitheater at Glen Helen Park, about 60 miles east of Los Angeles.

James Estell, 23 years old, of Pomona, Calif., was hit in the head with a tire iron and died several hours later at San Bernardino County Medical Center. Police said a drug deal had apparently gone sour. David Planton, 22, of Stanton was arrested in the case.

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