

Music Festival Crowd Becomes Rowdy at End

DEVORE, Calif., May 30 (AP) — A "wild" crowd hurled rocks and bottles and tore down fences early today at the US Festival in another outbreak of the sporadic violence that has left one person dead. A security guard suffered a fractured skull in a fight with other guards, officials at the outdoor concert said.

An estimated 300,000 people attended a concert by the group Van Halen Sunday night, and as the concert ended early this morning, some people tore down fences, tossed objects at each other and sheriff's deputies and crashed their cars into police cars. "They even hit a horse," a sheriff's deputy said.

The crowd left the hillside site in what one spectator called a "filthy, disgusting mess."

"They were wild when they came out," said San Bernardino County Sheriff's Capt. Philip Schuyler. "We were real fortunate to avert a real disaster."

By tonight there had been 125 arrests in the course of the three-day outdoor festival at Glen Helen Regional Park.

"There'd be more crime than that in a big city," said County Sheriff Floyd Tidwell after the concert broke up. "The positive news is that things are going pretty well. It could have been worse."

James Dean Estel, 23 years old, of Pomona, died Sunday after he was struck with a tire iron, the Sheriff said.