

CLAUDE WILLIAMS BETTER; PHELAN IS UNDER ARREST

Claude Williams, chief ranger from the Boulder City reservation, regained consciousness for the first time Sunday afternoon, since he was reputedly severely beaten in an altercation alleged to have taken place in a downtown casino Thursday night.

Williams suffered a severe gash in his head, after being struck with a gun; his eyesight was affected and there is serious doubt as to his complete recovery.

Tom Phelan, his alleged assailant, was placed under arrest yesterday afternoon, on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. The complaint was signed by the wife of the ranger. Phelan was relieved of his deputy sheriff's badge by Sheriff Keate shortly after the altercation.