



Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release

Man Repeatedly Assaults Woman and Takes Her Vehicle

On May 2, 2008 at approximately 12:30a.m., Officer J. C. Vazquez of the Town of Vienna Police Department was dispatched to Neighbors Restaurant in the Cedar Lane Shopping Center in Vienna for a reported assault.

Officer Vazquez interviewed the victim, a 30 year old female resident of Vienna, who stated that she accompanied her boyfriend, Mr. Robert A. Kennedy, black male, 23 years of age of Cedar Lane in Vienna, to Neighbors Restaurant to play in a poker tournament. During the evening the two had several verbal altercations. These arguments continued on as the two went outside the restaurant where Mr. Kennedy put the victim in a headlock. He then began pulling back on her hair and dragging the victim across the parking lot.

Mr. Kennedy dragged the victim to her car which was parked in the lot at the Cedar Lane Shopping Center, grabbed her by the neck, and threw her down against the hood of her vehicle. After the victim fell to the ground, Mr. Kennedy began trying to grab her car keys stating that he “was going to put her in the trunk of her vehicle”. The victim fought back successfully and several patrons from the area then came to her aid.

Mr. Kennedy and another subject then took the victim’s car and drove away. Officer Vazquez verified the statements with several witnesses and obtained additional information about the suspect.

Using the information obtained through witness interviews, Mr. Kennedy was subsequently arrested at his home on Cedar Lane and transported to Vienna Police Headquarters. The owner of the vehicle involved in the event was contacted and he stated that Mr. Kennedy was not authorized to be operating his vehicle.

Mr. Kennedy was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and formally charged with Assault and Battery, Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle, and Abduction by Force. He is currently being held there without bond.

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