



Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release

Malicious Wounding Occurs at Cedar Lane Shopping Center



On March 6, 2008 at approximately 8:24a.m. Officers from the Town of Vienna Police Department were dispatched to the area near the CVS store in the Cedar Lane Shopping Center in Southeast Vienna. The initial call was from a witness stating that an individual was wielding a knife. Upon his arrival, MPO Randy Burchfield found a 47 year old Hispanic male bleeding from the upper chest as a result of an apparent knife wound.

MPO Burchfield began administering first aid and was able to control the bleeding from the wound. Fairfax County Fire and Rescue personnel responded and began caring for the injured man. They then transported him to Inova Fairfax Hospital. Additional Vienna Police units were simultaneously searching the area for the suspect and the Fairfax County Police Department's helicopter was summoned to assist in the search. Witnesses stated that the assailant was in an argument with the victim and at one point reached out and cut the victim with a utility type knife. As the assailant, 40 year old Dimas Chacon-Morales of no- fixed address started to turn after cutting the victim, the witnesses began to run away towards Park Street. The area schools were notified of the incident and began taking precautions to ensure the safety of the children.

The assailant ran in the opposite direction toward the apartment complex on Cedar Lane. A short time later another witness observed a suspicious individual matching the description of the assailant, running through front yards along DeSale Street near Patrick Street. This witness called the Vienna Police and continued to follow the assailant. This witness was able to provide updates as to his location which assisted Vienna Police units in quickly locating the subject. This incident does not appear to be gang related in any way.

Vienna Motorcycle Officer Tim Seitz spotted the individual matching the lookout which had been given and effected an arrest. The subject was taken in to custody at the corner of Tapawingo Road and Nutley Street using minimal force. Officer Pat Shaw transported the suspect back to Police Headquarters where he was interviewed by Detective Tina Brook.

Mr. Chacon- Morales was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. He was formally charged with Malicious Wounding and is currently being held without bond.

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