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VPD Report Number: 13-09981 **Type of Incident:** Assault w/ a deadly weapon arrest **Date/Time Occurred:** 8/13/13 1754 hours Location: Court/Houston

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:	Age:	Arrested:
1. Tony Contreras	34	Yes

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Details: On listed date and time, officers were sent to the Cheaper Gas N Food Market in the 1300 block of N. Court for a stabbing report. Witnesses reported a male stabbed another male in the parking lot of the market and fled on foot. Officers responding to the area located a male, 34 yr old Tony Contreras, who matched the suspect's description at Court/Vine and detained him. A knife believed to have been used in this attack was located on his person.

Witnesses and the victim were able to identify Contreras as the suspect. Evidence was also located at the market linking Contreras to the crime. Based on the investigation, it appears this was an unprovoked attack.

Contreras was booked into the Tulare County Main Jail for assault with a deadly weapon.

The male victim suffered stab wounds to his back and was transported to Kaweah Delta Medical Center for what is believed to be non life threatening injuries.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: VPD Patrol

Supervisor: Sgt. D. Maurice

