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NEWS RELEASE
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VPD Report Number: 17-98050	Date/Time Occurred: 11/22/17 2203 ho
YPD Keport Number: 17-98030	Date/Time Occurred: 11/22/1/2203 n

Type of Incident: Robbery, Assault With A Deadly

Weapon

Location: 1819 E. Noble

Name of Business (if applicable):

Walmart

Suspect: Age: Arrested:

1. Justin Kemal 34 Yes

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Details: On 11/22/17 at 2203 hours, Walmart Loss Prevention Officers attempted to detain (S) Justin Kemal, who was stealing items from the store. Upon contacting (S) Kemal, he became combative with the Walmart employees, including choking one of the Loss Prevention Officers. He fled the store on foot as officers arrived. A police K9 was deployed and was able to detain (S) Kemal. He was taken to KDMC for treatment of minor injuries he sustained as a result of being bitten by the K9. (S) Kemal was booked for 211 PC, Robbery, and 245 PC, Assault With A Deadly Weapon. The stolen property was recovered. No injuries were reported by the Walmart employees.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol **Supervisor:** Sgt. M. Verissimo, S36

