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VPD Report Number: 18-087994

Type of Incident: Robbery and Assault Likely to Cause Great Bodily Injury

Date/Time Occurred: October 4th, 2018 at 11:45 AM **Location:** 600 block of W. Center

Name of Business (if applicable):

Smart and Final

Suspect:	Age:	Arrested:
1. 2 Male Juveniles	Both 17 Y/O	Yes
2. Female Juvenile	15 Y/O	Yes

Details: On October 4th, 2018, officers responded to a robbery call occurring at the Smart and Final located on the 600 block of West Center. Upon the arrival of officers, one 17 year old male juvenile was being detained by witnesses, and an additional 17 year old male juvenile and 15 year old female juvenile attempted to flee but were arrested without incident a block away. The investigation revealed that the juvenile detained at the store had attempted to flee with two bottles of alcohol but was stopped by a customer. While being detained by the customer, the juvenile began to bite the customer in an effort to escape. As this was occurring, the other male and female juveniles began to attack the customer by kicking and punching him. At one point, the second male juvenile brandished a knife toward the customer but fled as police were arriving. All three juveniles were booked at the Juvenile Detention Facility for Robbery, Assault Likely to Cause Great Bodily Injury, and Conspiracy.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Det. Morgantini

Supervisor: Sgt. Ford



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