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NEWS RELEASE
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VPD Report Number: 20-090604 Date/Time Occurred: 10/23/2020 1228 hours

Type of Incident: Attempted Murder (Stabbing) Location: Acequia/West

Name of Business (if applicable):

<u>Suspect:</u> <u>Age:</u> <u>Arrested:</u>

1. Leatha Berggren 43 Yes

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Details: On 10/23/20 at 1228 hours, officers were dispatched to KDMC regarding a stabbing victim that had been dropped off at the hospital by private vehicle. The investigation revealed that the victim had been stabbed in the neck during a road rage incident that had occurred in the area of Acequia/West. Suspect Leatha Berggren was located by officers in the area of Court/Tulare and was arrested without incident. Evidence linking her to the stabbing was located in her possession. Berggren was later booked for Attempted Homicide. The victim is currently in critical condition following surgery. Anyone with information is urged to contact Det. Henry Martinez at (559) 713-4156.

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

