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VPD Report Number: 13-00680 **Date/Time Occurred:** 01/16/13 2112 hours

**Type of Incident:** Assault with a Deadly Weapon, **Location:** 1400 Blk S. Mooney Blvd.

Robbery Arrest

Victim or Party:

1. Confidential Adult Adult

2. Confidential

3.

**Suspect: Arrested:** Age:

1. Lockard, Sakuma 36 yrs Yes

2.

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**Details:** On 01/16/13 at 2112 hours, officers were sent to the 1400 blk S. Mooney Blvd regarding a woman who had been assaulted. The officers contacted the listed victim #1 who was suffering from significant injuries to her face and body from being beaten by an unknown male. The investigation revealed the unknown male entered the confidential business and physically assaulted victim #1, who was an employee, with his fists and kicked her numerous times. Victim #2, who is a friend of the victim #1, tried to help her, however the suspect also struck her several times. The suspect then grabbed a lap top computer and walked out of the business. The victim was transported to Kaweah Delta District Hospital where she is listed in stable condition. The second victim was treated and released.

Age:

The Violent Crimes Unit conducted follow up on the case and identified the suspect as Sakuma Lockard. He was taken into custody by officers after a short foot pursuit at Murray/ Encina on 01/17/13 at 0932 hours. The stolen computer was recovered at another location. Lockard was booked at the Tulare County Main Jail for assault with a deadly weapon and robbery.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** V.C. Unit Supervisor: Sgt. Lentzner