

San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE INFORMATION SHEET

Subject: Valley Center Stabbing

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SYNOPSIS:

Deputies from the Valley Center Substation responded to the Rincon Reservation Store, located at 34323 Valley Center Road, for a 60 year old male who had been stabbed in the neck near the market. Once on scene, deputies received suspect information and were able to locate the suspect, Johnny Esparza 9/17/1990, nearby and take him into custody at approximately 4:25pm.

The victim was transported to a local hospital in serious to critical condition. Detectives from the Valley Center Substation responded to coordinate the investigation.

Call Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477 with information and you will remain anonymous. You may be eligible for up to a \$1,000 reward for information leading to a felony arrest.