



# San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

## NEWS RELEASE INFORMATION SHEET

Subject: Assault on a Peace Officer - Rancho San Diego Station

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### SYNOPSIS:

On 12-17-18 at about just before 10PM, the Sheriff's Communications Center received a report of an Arco convenience store employee chasing a customer with a knife in the 9000 block of Campo Road, in Spring Valley. The reporting party stated that the store clerk appeared to be under the influence of an unknown type drug and was threatening customers with a knife. Deputies from the Rancho San Diego Station arrived on scene and contacted the store clerk. Deputies suspected that the clerk was under the influence of a controlled substance and placed him under arrest. During the arrest process, the suspect lunged at the deputy and began fighting. The clerk bit the deputy on his right forearm and attempted to remove the deputy's firearm from his holster. The deputy forced the clerk to the ground and was able to hold him there until additional deputies arrived to assist him. The deputy was taken to a medical facility where he was treated for abrasions to his elbows and knees and the bite to his forearm. The clerk, identified as 23 year-old Layth Mohammed, suffered minor scratches on his face and was treated by paramedics at the scene before being transported to the San Diego Central Jail where he was booked for assault on a peace officer.

Call Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477 with information and you will remain anonymous. You can also download the P3 anonymous tip app. You may be eligible for up to a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to an arrest.

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