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Date: **August 2, 2010**

Attempted Murder Suspect In-Custody

On Monday, August 2, 2010 at approximately 9:30 am, a female was walking to her vehicle at the Albertson's grocery store parking lot, located at 8440 E. Chapman Avenue. When she arrived at her vehicle (2006 Honda Civic 4-dr Hybrid 5WNX759) she was confronted by the suspect, now known as Ernesto Lucero. Lucero demanded money, then stabbed the victim and left in her vehicle.

The female victim was rushed to a local trauma center where she is listed in critical condition.

At about 1:10 pm, a citizen observed a suspicious male subject in the area of Taft and Nichols in the City of Villa Park. Deputies from the Orange County Sheriff's Department and officers from our department responded and detained the subject. The victim's vehicle was located nearby in the parking lot of a middle school. Lucero was in possession of a knife (no further description).

Lucero was arrested and subsequently booked into Orange County Jail for attempted murder. He is being held without bail. A jpeg photo of the suspect is available via e-mail at dadams@orangepd.org.

Anyone with information is asked to call Detective Joey Ramirez at 714-744-7313.

Suspect: Ernesto Lucero (8/20/84)

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