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*****NEWS RELEASE*****

April 22, 2022

VPD Report Number: 22-028902

Date/Time Occurred: 4-22-22/ 1515 hrs.

Type of Incident: Assault with a Deadly Weapon/
Mayhem/ Conspiracy

Location: Houston/ Lovers Lane

Name of Business (if applicable):

N/A

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Male Juvenile

15

Yes

2. Matthew Mora Jr.

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Yes

Details: On 4-8-22 at approximately 1600 hrs. officers were dispatched to the area of Jefferson Park regarding an assault with a deadly weapon that had just occurred. Upon arrival, officers located a juvenile victim suffering from a knife slash wound to the face. The case was assigned to a detective with the Youth Services Unit for follow-up.

Through the course of the investigation, the detective was able to identify two suspects responsible for the altercation. Matthew Mora Jr. (20) and a 15-year-old male juvenile were identified, and members of the Special Enforcement Unit were asked to assist in locating the two suspects.

On 4-22-22 at approximately 1515 hrs. officers with the Special Enforcement Unit observed the male juvenile suspect walking in the area of Houston and Lovers Lane where he was taken into custody without incident. S.E.U. officers then located (S) Matthew Mora Jr. in the 2800 block of E. Cecil and he was also taken into custody.

The suspects were booked at the Juvenile Detention Facility and the Tulare County Pre-Trial Facility on Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Mayhem, and Conspiracy charges.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Youth Services Unit/ S.E.U.

Supervisor: Sgt. Mike Short

