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Press Release

Today's Date:	August 25, 2015
Date & Time Occurred:	August 24, 2015 1:12 p.m.
Submitted By:	Sergeant Keith Hopper
Phone:	(707) 449-5200
Case Number:	2015-6567
Type of Crime/Incident:	664/187 PC- Attempted Murder
Location:	625 Elmira Road, CVS Store
Suspects:	James Barnes DOB: 9/5/73 Fairfield, California

SUSPECT ARRESTED IN VIOLENT ATTACK ON CUSTOMER AT CVS STORE

Vacaville police arrested a Fairfield man after an unprovoked attack on a woman at the CVS drugstore on Elmira Road on Monday afternoon.

Police received a call around 1:12 p.m. from a CVS store employee that a man had stabbed a woman while she was using the photo kiosk at the store. The assailant, James Barnes, 41, of Fairfield, approached the victim from behind as she was seated at a counter inside the store.

Barnes repeatedly stabbed the victim in the back and upper torso causing life-threatening injuries. The attack was stopped when store employees and at least one customer intervened, pinning Barnes to the ground while other employees rendered first aid to the victim.

The first police officer arrived at the scene approximately 90 seconds after being dispatched. The officer detained Barnes in handcuffs while additional officers assisted in providing life-saving aid to the victim. Shortly thereafter, paramedics with the Vacaville Fire Department took over.

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The victim was transported to an area trauma center where surgeons spent several hours tending to her severe wounds. Barnes was arrested and booked into the Solano County jail on attempted murder charges. This horrific event could have been even more tragic if not for the heroic actions of the employees at CVS and the customers who aided the employees. The victim is recovering in an area hospital.

Anyone who might be able to provide information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Vacaville Police Department at (707) 449-5200. A photo of Barnes is included in this release.



James Barnes

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