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**Two Plead No Contest in Case of Good Samaritan
Stabbed at Valley Village Grocery Store**

A North Hollywood man has entered a no contest plea for stabbing a good Samaritan who attempted to help a loss prevention officer when the man's girlfriend was caught shoplifting, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Yesterday, Richard Anthony Camacho, 25, pleaded to one count of assault with a deadly weapon, a knife, and admitted inflicting great bodily injury in case LA084821.

His girlfriend, Emily Saado, 22, of North Hollywood pleaded no contest to one count of assault by means of force likely to produce great bodily injury.

Deputy District Attorney Ranna Jahanshahi said Camacho was immediately sentenced to seven years in state prison. Saado was sentenced to two years in prison.

On Nov. 21, 2016, Saado was confronted by a loss prevention officer at a grocery store in the 4700 block of Laurel Canyon Boulevard in Valley Village after she was seen stealing items from the store, the prosecutor said. When the loss prevention officer attempted to detain the defendant, Camacho charged at him.

A 70-year-old man at the store saw what was happening and came to the aid of the loss prevention officer. Camacho then stabbed the good Samaritan multiple times in the neck and back, the prosecutor added.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, North Hollywood Division.

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