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## **Two Charged in Case of Good Samaritan Stabbed at Valley Village Grocery Store Parking Lot**

A North Hollywood man was charged today with stabbing a good Samaritan who attempted to help a loss prevention officer when the man's girlfriend was allegedly caught shoplifting, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Richard Anthony Camacho (dob 12/20/91) faces one count of attempted willful, deliberate and premeditated murder with allegations of using a knife as a deadly and dangerous weapon and inflicting great bodily injury in case LA084821.

Additionally, Camacho and his girlfriend, Emily Saado (dob 6/21/95) of North Hollywood face one count of second-degree attempted robbery. The criminal complaint includes the allegation that Camacho was convicted in 2014 of unlawful driving or taking of a vehicle.

Arraignment for both defendants is scheduled today in Department 100 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch.

On Nov. 21, 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 allegedly seen stealing items from the store, prosecutors said. When the loss prevention officer attempted to detain the defendant, Camacho allegedly charged at him but was purposely slowed down by a 70-year-old man who intervened, prosecutors added.

Camacho is accused of then stabbing the good Samaritan, prosecutors said.

The scheduled bail is more than \$1 million for Camacho and \$50,000 for Saado. If convicted as charged, Camacho faces a possible maximum sentence of life in state prison and Saado faces three years in prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department, North Hollywood Division.

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