

CATHEDRAL CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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On Monday 01/18/16 at approximately 1804 hours, officers responded to the 69000 block of Stafford Place reference an assault in progress. A victim advised dispatchers they had been stabbed by the suspect (who was identified as Cristian Jonathan Garcia) who was still inside the residence. Officers arrived on scene and located two victims. One victim had a stab wound to the stomach and the second had a stab wound to the back of his neck.

According to the victims, the suspect was under the influence of an unknown substance. Officers surrounded the residence and began the process to have him exit the residence voluntarily. After several hours with no communication or response, the Desert Regional SWAT team was activated. They responded to the scene and again attempted to make contact with the suspect. After a short time, the suspect surrendered. Garcia was arrested for 245 (A)1 PC – Assault with a Deadly Weapon.

Garcia was booked at the Riverside County Jail in Banning, Ca. As of this press release, the victims are currently in stable condition at Desert Regional Medical Center.