LIVERMORE
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I. DATE OF PRESS RELEASE:

June 25, 2012

II. TYPE OF INCIDENT:

Assault with a Deadly Weapon and Marijuana Cultivation Arrests

III. FACTUAL INFORMATION:

The Livermore Police Department is investigating an assault with a deadly weapon that occurred inside the Taco Bell at 985 E. Stanley Boulevard on June 24, 2012. About 1:00 P.M., LPD received a call a fight inside the Taco Bell involving multiple males. The caller reported that one male was using a chair as a weapon. Officers arrived on scene and contacted the victim of the assault. Based on victim and witness statements, Officer were able to identify the suspects as 21 year old Denzel Green and 20 year old Jose Serrano.

According to the victim and witnesses, Green and Serrano walked into Taco Bell and unprovoked attacked the victim. During the attack, Green picked up a chair, lifted it above his head and struck the victim in the upper torso. As Green pulled the chair back above his head a second time to strike the victim, he accidentally struck his accomplice Serrano in the head, causing Serrano to fall to the ground and bleed heavily from his head. Serrano was able to regain his footing and fled Taco Bell with Green. Witness described Serrano as being disoriented, bleeding heavily from the head, and having difficulty walking as he fled the scene.

Officers were quickly able to develop information that Green and Serrano had fled to Michael and Andrew Barto's apartment, located at 975 Murrieta Boulevard. Green and Serrano are friends with Michael and Andrew Barto. Officer responded to Michael and Andrew Barto's apartment and located fresh blood outside of the apartment. Upon Officers making contact at the apartment, Green attempted to flee out the back of the apartment. Officers then ordered all of the subjects out of the apartment. Officers then entered the apartment in an attempt to detain Green and locate the injured Serrano. While inside the residence, Officers located evidence of marijuana cultivation and drug use in plain view. Officers located and detained Green and Serrano. Serrano did have a large laceration to his head and the Fire Department and Paramedics responded to provide medical care to Serrano. Serrano was transported to Valley Care Hospital where he was treated for an injury to his head. Green and Serrano were ultimately arrested for Assault with a Deadly Weapon and booked at Santa Rita Jail.

Due to the evidence of the marijuana cultivation, Officers with narcotics investigation experience arrived and took over the investigation. Andrew Barto and Michael Barto were both later arrested for marijuana cultivation. Evidence showed that Andrew and Michael Barto had converted three of the apartment bedrooms into marijuana cultivation rooms. The self construction was deemed extremely unsafe and a danger to others in the apartment complex. Andrew and Michael Barto manipulated the electrical system

within the apartment and was later deemed a fire hazard by City Engineers. City Officials Engineers also inspected the apartment. The apartment was deemed unsafe and uninhabitable. Evidence at the scene indicated that Andrew and Michael Barto were extracting Hashish Oil inside their apartment. This is the same dangerous procedure that led to the explosion and tragic death on Silver Oaks Way in May of 2011.

Additional evidence located at the scene included firearms, methamphetamine, and evidence of Oxycodone and Heroin Use. Evidence at the apartment and statements made by the suspects also suggest that Andrew and Michael Barto fraudulently obtained Cannabis documents in an effort to hide the fact that they were growing marijuana for profit. LPD Officers will be seeking a complaint against Andrew and Michael Barto for the firearms violation as well as the additional drug violations.

The victim in this case suffered minor injuries from the attack and is cooperating with the investigation.

If anyone has information about this case, they are encouraged to call the Livermore Police Department at (925) 371-4900. Those who wish to remain anonymous may do so.

IV. LOCATION OF INCIDENT:

Taco Bell (985 E. Stanley Blvd.) and 975 Murrieta Blvd.

V. SUBJECTS ARRESTED:

Denzel Green - Date of birth: 09/27/90 – Arrested for 245 PC
Jose Serrano - Date of birth: 10/20/91 – Arrested for 245 PC
Andrew Bartow – Date of Birth: 11/15/86 – Arrested for 11358 H&S
Michael Bartow – Date of Birth: 03/04/90 – Arrested for 11358 H&S

VI. CONTACT PERSON FOR THE PRESS ONLY: P.I.O. Steve Goard

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