



VALLEJO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Press Release

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On Saturday, July 25, 2009, at approximately 12:11 PM, the manager at the Grocery Outlet, 66 Admiral Callaghan Lane, Vallejo, called 9-1-1 to report a woman inside the store wielding a knife and trying to stab people.

Vallejo Police Department officers arrived and found employees and citizens struggling with Dana Stevenson, a 47 year old Vallejo woman. Officers took her into custody without further incident.

Witnesses stated that Stevenson walked up to a seven year old boy standing with his family in the produce aisle. She grabbed the boy around the neck in a chokehold and produced a steak knife. While holding the knife to the child, she began rambling about the Chinese Mafia and Michael Jackson. The suspect then dragged the child from one end of the produce aisle to the other.

The boy's father grabbed the woman from behind and forced her arms up and away from the child. The child's mother grabbed her son and simultaneously grabbed the suspect's hand with the knife. The mother sustained a laceration to the palm of one of her hands in the process of disarming the suspect. Store employees and citizens then helped detain the suspect until police arrived. The child sustained minor injuries (abrasions and redness to his neck) and was quite shaken up. The family of the child did not know the suspect.

Stevenson was booked into the Solano County Jail for felony child endangerment, kidnapping, and assault with a deadly weapon.