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Homeless Man Stabbed: Suspect Arrested

WESTMINSTER, CA – On 2/12/2022, at around 8:57 AM, WPD Officers were dispatched to a grocery store at 8522 Westminster Blvd. for an assault with a deadly weapon that had just occurred. WPD Officers arrived and located a male adult who had been stabbed multiple times in the back, head and neck. (OCFA) Orange County Fire Authority responded to the scene and cared for the victim. He was transported to an area hospital for treatment and expected to survive.

Witnesses led officers to a nearby laundromat where the stabbing suspect was hiding inside. He was apprehended and arrested without incident. The arrestee was identified as **47 year old, Sang Van Phan, of (homeless) Westminster**. The knife used in the stabbing was recovered. He was later booked at Orange County Jail for (CPC 664/187) attempted murder.

“Disturbingly, this suspect was arrested just weeks earlier for stabbing another elderly homeless man during a dispute. WPD Detectives were called to the scene and they will following up with the Orange County District Attorney’s Office for prosecution of Phan. While WPD Officers make incredible efforts to aide homeless people in need, this is a firm reminder of the violent and repeat offenders that comingle in our homeless community and choose a life of crime,” said Deputy Chief Cameron Knauerhaze.

Anyone with more information regarding this case is urged to call the Westminster Police Department Detective Bureau at 714-898-3315. Callers can remain anonymous. Anonymous tips can also be given to Orange County Crime Stoppers by calling 1-855-TIP-OCCS or at Crimestoppers.org