



## **Fresno County Sheriff - Coroner's Office**

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### **News Release**

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## **Deputies Searching for Man who Robbed and Stabbed Woman on Rural Road**

Around 1:00 am on Thursday, a woman was driving near the intersection of S. Academy and E. Rose Avenues in Selma when she noticed a man standing in the middle of the road. She slowed down as she approached the man, who then walked close to her car and opened her driver side door. The man demanded her cell phone, but the woman could not reach it since it had fallen under her seat. The man got upset and stabbed her in the leg with a knife. The woman told him she could not find her phone and he stabbed her in the leg two more times. The man then pulled the key out of the ignition, reached over to the passenger seat and took the woman's purse. The suspect walked around to her trunk, opened it and looked inside. The woman, scared that something worse was going to happen, was able to find her key, start the car and drive away. She stopped at a business near E. Mt. View and S. Indianola Avenues and found an employee who was able to help her with calling 911. Fresno County Sheriff's deputies and EMS responded to the scene. The woman was taken to the hospital and treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

Deputies took a report and determined the suspect is a Hispanic man in his 20s or 30s, 5'8" with a thin build. He was wearing a long sleeve black shirt, black pants, black hat and black gloves.

The Sheriff's Office encourages you to drive with your doors locked and to not stop for people on the road you do not know. If you feel the person

**may need help or is causing a hazardous situation, call law enforcement so they can respond to check on the person.**

**Anyone with information on the suspect in this case is asked to contact the Sheriff's Office at (559) 600-3111 or Valley Crime Stoppers at (559) 498-7867. You will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward.**