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AGGRAVATED ASSAULT 205 WEST IRVINGTON ROAD (LAOS TRANSIT CENTER)

*****UPDATE – NOVEMBER 14, 2014*****

On November 14, 2014, shortly after 8:00 p.m. the Tucson Police Department received information that Mr. Duarte was walking around the Ronstadt Transit Center downtown. An employee had recognized him from a photo that had been distributed. Officers from Operations Division Downtown and Tucson Police Bike Officers responded to the Transit Center and located Duarte. He was taken into custody and booked into the Pima County Jail without incident.

Sergeant Pete Dugan – November 14, 2014

The Tucson Police Department is seeking the public's assistance for information on the possible whereabouts of a suspect involved in an aggravated assault/stabbing of a Sun Tran bus driver.

On November 12, 2014, at approximately 10:00 p.m. the victim was on a break near the Laos Transit Center. He was taking a walk outside of the complex when an unknown male approached him and began asking him random questions. The victim continued walking, but the male began following him and grabbed on to his shirt at one point. The victim ran back to the Laos Center with the male chasing after him. Once inside the center the male suspect left him alone and the victim ran to a security guard. Moments later, the suspect approached the victim and the security guard. Without provocation the suspect punched the security guard in the face. The suspect then stabbed the bus driver in the chest and abdomen with an unknown object, before fleeing the scene on foot.

The bus driver was transported to a local area hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The security guard was treated on-scene. Detectives responded to the incident location that evening to collect evidence and to speak with the victims and witnesses. Officers searched for the suspect but he was not located.

Investigators from the Aggravated Assault Unit have been working tirelessly on this case since Wednesday evening and have now identified who they believe to be the suspect in this incident. A felony arrest warrant has been obtained for 18-year old **Joshua Lee Duarte**, for Aggravated Assault w/a Deadly Weapon/Dangerous Instrument. His photo is attached,

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along with a surveillance photo from that evening. Mr. Duarte should be considered armed and dangerous. If you know the whereabouts or possible whereabouts of Mr. Duarte, do not attempt to approach him. Please call 911 or 88-CRIME.



Joshua Lee Duarte

