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FELONIOUS ASSAULT

On July 8, 2013 Troy Police Officers responded to the Somerset Collection on a report of a stabbing that had just occurred. The victim had become involved in an argument with an acquaintance outside the mall doors on the north side of the mall. The suspect pulled out a knife and stabbed the victim in the back as the victim tried to flee. The suspect chased the victim back into the mall stabbing him twice more. The suspect then fled. Within minutes, a Troy Police Officer located the suspect walking on the north side of Macy's, and he was taken into custody. A folding knife with blood on it was found in his pants pocket.

The victim and the suspect had come to the mall with three other subjects. The other three subjects were located at the scene and questioned by Officers. It appears that all five subjects had met up at the victims home and planned to come to the Apple Store to purchase I-Phones. One of the subjects was providing the funds for the purchases. They stated that they all had to take turns driving the car, as none of them had a valid driver's license, and none of them wanted to get caught. Upon arriving at the mall they all went directly to the Apple Store. Their plan was for all of them to sign up for phone plans, and then be able to purchase the I-Phone for \$199.00 to be re-sold later at a much higher price. Only one of the subjects qualified to buy a phone, so he bought four of them. After the purchase was completed, all the subjects left the mall together.

The argument occurred outside the mall as the subjects were leaving. The victim and suspect were arguing over the money.

ARRESTED:

Mario Terrell Ridgeway 28 years old, out of Ecorse

Ridgeway was arraigned on July 10, 2013 at the 52-4 District. Bond was set at \$50,000.00 cash or surety.