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### Stabbing at Ceres Central Valley High School

Ceres, California – On January 10, 2012, at about 12:21 PM, the Ceres Police Department responded to Central Valley High School for a fight between two male students. It was reported that a 15 year old freshman had been stabbed in the abdomen.

Central Valley High School Staff immediately apprehended the 14 year old male responsible for the attack. Simultaneously, school staff swiftly rendered medical aid to the victim and the responsible was taken into police custody as Ceres Police Officers arrived on scene.

The victim was transported to a local hospital, where he underwent surgery and is considered to be in stable but critical condition.

The school was not locked down due to the quick apprehension of the attacker by school officials. Students were asked to remain in their classrooms until police investigators canvassed the crime scene for any potential physical evidence. The school resumed its normal activity shortly after the incident. The Ceres Unified School District has made arrangements for counseling services to be available to students and their families.

Ceres Police Detectives have since learned the responsible made a conscious decision last night to stab someone in order to gain notoriety in his gang. The victim was targeted by the responsible due to his connection to a rival criminal street gang.

This investigation is ongoing and Detectives are asking anyone with any information on this case to contact Detective Derek Perry at (209) 538-5730 or the Stanislaus Area Crime Stoppers at:

**Stanislaus Area Crime Stoppers.**

**Phone number: 1-866-60-CRIME**

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