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Woman's Car, Occupied by Children, Gets Rammed in Domestic Violence Dispute

Ceres, California – On October 21, 2012 at 10:02 PM, Ceres Police Officers responded to the 1500 block of Belmont in Ceres for a disturbance. A woman arrived home and found her husband in his vehicle with a female. An argument ensued between the husband and wife and it turned physical.

The husband purposely drove his vehicle into the side of his wife's car when she tried to leave with their two children, a three and five year old. Then the girlfriend drove her car into the other side of the victim's vehicle and fled the scene in a small blue Acura. The husband, 30 year old Refugio Diaz from Ceres, was arrested and booked in the Stanislaus County Jail for assault with a deadly weapon, domestic violence, child endangerment, and false imprisonment. No one was injured in the incident.

Anyone with information about this case should contact [Officer James Riley](#) at (209) 538-5700 ext. 5229 or anonymously report tips to the Stanislaus Area Crime Stoppers at:

Stanislaus Area Crime Stoppers.

Phone number: 1-866-60-CRIME

Text Tips: "274637" TIP704 in the wording

Website: www.modestopolice.com/crimestoppers

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Previous Booking Photo of Refugio Diaz.