

Suspect shot, clerk stabbed during robbery

A convenience-store clerk stabbed during a robbery early today shot one of his assailants, Santa Cruz County sheriff's deputies reported. **MAR 28 1994**

Deputies said two men entered the Quik-Stop Market at 2140 Freedom Blvd. shortly after midnight, demanding money. One of the robbers stabbed the clerk repeatedly, deputies said, and the clerk fired a shot that hit the stabber, later identified as Uriel Cardona Nieves, 21, of Santa Cruz, in the chest. He collapsed on the floor of the store, and was arrested when deputies arrived.

The other assailant escaped, deputies said.

A hospital spokeswoman said the clerk was in stable condition this morning. She said Nieves was at the hospital; information on his condition was not available.