



## Palmdale Sheriff's Station

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# News Release

**Jim McDonnell, Sheriff**

<b>TITLE</b>	Palmdale Man Threatens to Shoot Vallarta Store Employees
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<b>Type of Incident:</b>	Criminal Threats	<b>Incident Date:</b>	December 17, 2015
<b>Author / Date / Time:</b>	Lieutenant Brian Dunn	<b>Incident Time:</b>	7:20 PM

<b>Incident Location:</b>	440 East Palmdale Blvd, Palmdale
<b>News Media Location:</b>	Not on scene

<b>Victim(s):</b>	Vallarta Store Employees		
<b>Suspect(s):</b>	Black Male 19 year old Palmdale resident	<b>Charge</b>	Criminal Threats

### Narrative:

At approximately 7:20 pm on 12-17-15, "Vallarta" store employees were detaining a male shoplifter. The shoplifter's brother, a black male 19 year old approached the employees and demanded they release his brother. When the employees refused to release his brother, the man reached under his jacket and grabbed what looked to the employees to be the hand grip of a handgun protruding from his pants pocket. The suspect threatened the store would get shot up and it would be in the news if they did not let his brother go. The threats coupled with what appeared to be a gun in his possession caused the employees to fear the suspect might follow through with his threats. They called 911 and deputies responded immediately. Deputies arrived within two minutes of the 911 call being made. The deputies contained the location, immediately formed a tactical response entry team and entered the location looking for someone matching the description of the suspect. The deputies located and detained a man fitting the description, who was immediately identified as the suspect by store employees. Deputies found the suspect was in possession of a BB gun, which resembled a real handgun. The suspect was arrested for Criminal Threats and booked at Palmdale Sheriff's Station.

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