



# COTTONWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 07.03.2013**

On Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, Raymond Viera Jr (21 yoa) was arrested for Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Kidnapping, Assault and Threatening and Intimidating, per Domestic Violence. The arrest was made at an apartment complex in the 100 block of S. 6<sup>th</sup> St. with the assistance of the Verde Valley Regional SWAT Team, State Gang and Narcotic Investigators.

On June 16<sup>th</sup>, Viera pointed a shotgun in the face of his live in girlfriend and threatened to kill her if she left her apartment. Viera punched the victim in the chin area and poked her in the face as he continued to threaten her if she left. When the victim tried to leave, Viera stood in the doorway preventing her escape. Later Viera wanted to leave and held the victim closely to conceal the shotgun between them as he forced her to the parking lot. The victim broke free and got into her mother's vehicle to escape. As she fled, Viera continued to chase and threaten to kill her.

At about 5:00 p.m. Investigators had probable cause to believe Raymond Viera was back at the apartment and a search warrant was obtained for the premise. Due to Viera's known propensities for violence the Verde Valley Regional SWAT team was alerted and surrounded the apartment. Viera was contacted by cell phone and surrendered himself to SWAT team members without incident. The weapon involved in this incident was not located during the search.

Viera was transported to YCSO Jail and remanded their custody.

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