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Police investigate serious assault incident at downtown mall

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Salem Police detectives have made an arrest in today's assault at the Salem Center Mall.

Detectives learned two male individuals at the mall were in an altercation, leaving one person with life-threatening injuries and hospitalized.

The suspect in the assault fled the scene. Using all available leads, this evening detectives arrested the 15-year-old suspect. Lodging to follow at the Marion County Juvenile Department on related charges.

The Salem Police Department does not provide the identity of minors involved in criminal investigations.

Further details about the victim are not available for release. The case remains under investigation, and no other information will be published at this time.

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Salem, Ore. — At approximately 12:25 p.m. today, Salem Police officers were called to the [Salem Center Mall](#) at 401 Center ST NE on the report of a serious assault in the vicinity of the second-floor entrance to the Macy's store.

Officers arrived to find one male individual with life-threatening injuries, suspected to be the result of a stabbing. He was transported to Salem Health. A second male believed to be involved in the incident fled from the scene.

The portion of the mall where the incident occurred was closed to the public and remains closed. No other patrons at the mall were injured. Mall shoppers exited the building in an orderly fashion. There is no ongoing risk to the public.

The incident remains an active investigation, therefore, no further details are being provided.

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