

## Stabbing Victim 'Serious,' Suspect in Custody

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On November 23, 2010 at 10:56 PM, the Ashe County Sheriff's Office received a report of a stabbing at 125 Tahoe Drive in Crumpler, NC. When the deputies arrived on scene they found Daniel Puerta, age 21, a Hispanic male, with multiple stab wounds to the stomach and abdomen. Mr. Puerta was transported to Ashe Memorial Hospital by Blue Ridge Medical, and later flown by Air Care to Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. He is currently listed in serious condition. A short time after arrival on the scene, Leocadio Gomez Vargas, was taken into custody a short distance from the location where the stabbing took place. Vargas is better known as "Cayo". He is 36 years old, and lives at 2979 HWY 16N in Crumpler, NC. Mr. Vargas was charged with Assault with a Deadly Weapon Inflicting Serious with Intent to Kill. He is currently being held in the Ashe County Detention Center on a \$500,000.00 secured bond. He will have a first appearance hearing on Friday, November 25, 2010. The Ashe County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Jefferson and West Jefferson Police Departments.