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Stuart Gordon, 22, remains in the Chase County Jail this week, after his July 7 arrest in Imperial on first degree assault with a deadly weapon.

A \$100,000 bond was set a few hours after his arrest last week following a stabbing incident at the Subway Restaurant. He must post 10% to be released.

Gordon was expected to be in front of County Judge Edward Steenburg on Wednesday this week for arraignment proceedings.

Gordon, considered a transient and homeless, allegedly stabbed Marie Sieperda, 22, as she and co-worker Michelle Banks were leaving the Subway Restaurant last Tuesday evening after closing.

Gordon was standing behind the building, and had been there earlier when Banks took out the trash.

As they went to their separate vehicles, Sieperda reportedly asked Gordon if he was okay. He asked her if she had a cigarette, to which she said no. According to Sieperda, he then lunged at her with a pocketknife, allegedly stabbing her in the thigh.

Sieperda said she attempted to run into the alley to the east, but fell down as he chased after her, and said he allegedly continued to try to stab her. She also sustained cuts to her throat and several defensive hand wounds.

Meanwhile, Banks attempted to gain access to the VFW Club nearby for help, knocking on the door, but there was no answer.

The suspect eventually ran off, and Imperial police officers searched through much of the early morning hours, until his arrest mid-morning Wednesday in the city office parking lot.

Imperial Police Sgt. Rob Browning said this week that Gordon has a criminal record including loitering and other minor misdemeanors, but nothing of a violent nature. He has served some jail time in Illinois, he reported.

Sieperda survived the incident after receiving two stitches at Chase County Community Hospital. She was released later Tuesday evening.