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News Release

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Woman Arrested for Scaring 12 Year old into Stealing From Parents By Claiming To See Into Future. Victims Sought by LASD

Palmdale Sheriff's Station Detectives are seeking the public's help in identifying an additional suspect or additional victims in an extortion case in which Suspect Jackeline Lopez scared a 12 year old victim into stealing over ten thousand dollars' worth of jewelry from their parents. The case began in August of 2011 when the 12 year old victim met another student at her school. She then began sneaking out of her home to visit the fellow student and the student's mother, Suspect Jackeline Lopez.

During their discussions, the suspect claimed she was able to see into the victim's future.

Suspect Lopez allegedly conducted these psychic readings in her home's garage which she had decorated with numerous candles, chalk outlines, black caldrons, replicated human skulls, beads, dolls, and other similar items consistent with psychic readings.

Suspect Lopez told the victim that she believed the victim to be cursed and several horrible things would come to both the victim and the victim's family if the curse was not removed. Lopez explained to the victim that the curse could be lifted for a monetary price.

Over a period of a month following the reading, Suspect Lopez encouraged the victim to bring her jewelry from the victim's home to be used in removing the curse from the victim and their family. Routinely Lopez would orchestrate a ritual in which the victim would place the stolen jewelry in the caldron and attempt to remove the curse. Each time however Lopez would tell the victim that what they had brought was not enough to remove the horrible curse and she needed more.

This continued until the victim's parents noticed the missing jewelry and confronted the victim on its whereabouts. Estimates indicate the jewelry totaled over \$10,000. Working with Palmdale Sheriff's detectives, the victims were able to link Lopez with pawn shops in the area and identify several pieces of the victim's jewelry in the stores.

On September 17, 2011, Jackeline Lopez was arrested on charges of extortion, and booked at Palmdale Station with a \$35,000 bail. Currently detectives are seeking the public's help in both seeking any additional possible victims of Suspect Lopez, as well as attempting to identify a

possible suspect in the selling of the family's jewelry.

The man wearing a red shirt in the attached photo was observed aiding Lopez in pawning a large amount of the victim's jewelry. Palmdale Station is asking if anyone recognizes the individual, or has been victimized by Lopez, to please contact detective Dang at 661-272-2477. Or anonymously by contacting "Crime Stoppers" by dialing 800-222-TIPS (8477), texting the letters TIPLA plus your tip to CRIMES (274637), or using the website <http://lacrimestoppers.org>.

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