

MAN IN CUSTODY FOR SEXUAL BATTERIES AND ASSAULTS – COVINA AREA

Between December 2012 and June 2014, a series of sexual batteries and assaults occurred in the unincorporated area of Covina. After incidents on April 11 and June 20, 2014, a male was identified and arrested. Subsequent interviews and investigation led to the arrest of 18 year old Alexander Lorenzo Sandoval, a resident of the Covina area.

The incidents began on December 20, 2012. At about 10:15 p.m., a 28 year old woman was retrieving a laptop from her car in the carport of an apartment complex in the 21000 block of Arrow Highway. A man approached her from behind, covered her mouth with his hand, and rubbed against her body in a sexual manner. When the woman tried to escape, the man pushed her against her car, then onto the ground. She did not see her attacker clearly and was unable to describe him. On January 25, 2013, at 12:40 p.m. at the same apartment complex, a similar attack occurred. A 23 year old woman was retrieving items from her car when she was approached from behind. The man placed his hand over her mouth, then threw her to the ground.

On February 25, 2013, at 8:35 a.m. a 29 year old woman was jogging on Cienega Avenue near Treanor Street when a man approached her from behind, covered her mouth, pushed her into a wall, and fondled her. The man fled on foot when a passing motorist honked. On April 14, 2013, at about 8:05 a.m. in the same area, a 30 year old woman was punched and kicked without provocation. A man approached her from behind, pushed her into a wall and to the ground, and kicked her while she was on the ground. The woman was five months pregnant.

Based on these four incidents, investigators assembled a composite sketch of the suspect. After scouring the area and following several leads, they were unable to locate the suspect. Female detectives walked the area in hopes of luring the suspect, to no avail.

Alexander Lorenzo Sandoval was among the suspects detectives initially located and interviewed. He denied involvement, and though he closely resembled the sketch, witnesses were unable to identify him in a lineup. No charges were filed at that time.

One year later, on April 11, 2014, at about 8:30 p.m., a 47 year old woman was walking near Nubia Street and Treanor Avenue in Covina. A man approached her from behind, covered her mouth, and groped her buttocks. On June 20, 2014, the victim from the April 11 attack saw the suspect following her as she walked in the 21100 block of Nubia Street. She notified the Sheriff's Department.



Artist's sketch, April 2013



Alexander Sandoval, June 2014

Based on her description, responding deputies located the suspect, Alexander Sandoval, at the apartment complex in the 21000 block of Arrow Highway. The deputies recognized the similarity between Sandoval and the composite drawing. The woman positively identified Sandoval as the person who assaulted her on April 11, 2014. He was arrested and booked at the San Dimas Sheriff's Station.

During subsequent interviews, Sandoval admitted to committing all of these acts, and wrote a letter of apology. On June 24, 2014, charges were filed by the District Attorney's office in regards to Sandoval, including sexual battery and felony assault. Some of the charges were filed in juvenile court, since some of the incidents occurred before Sandoval's 18th birthday in October 2013. He is being held without bail in the Los Angeles County Jail, with a next court appearance scheduled for July 17, 2014 in the Pomona courthouse.

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