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Leroy D. Baca, Sheriff

Classification : STALKING ~ 646.9 (a) PC

Incident Date : 2-28-12

Victims : Esther Povitsky, F/W

Suspects : Pierre Van Lint, M/W

For the last eight months, the Victim (Povitsky) has been receiving e-mails from the Suspect (Van Lint), whom she had never met, that were becoming increasingly aggressive and inappropriate. He told the Victim (Povitsky) that he lived in Belgium and that he intended to travel to Los Angeles to meet her. Since she is in the entertainment industry, working as a comedian, she identified the problems with this type of unsolicited attention.

On February 24, 2012, the Victim received an e-mail stating that the Suspect (Van Lint) was in Los Angeles. The Victim (Povitsky) was advised that a person identifying himself as the source of these obsessive emails had come to the "Comedy Store" in West Hollywood, looking for her.

Fearing for her safety, the Victim (Povitsky) filed a report with the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station. Based on information obtained from the Victim's (Povitsky) e-mails, investigators responded to the "Roadway Inn," 6826 Sunset Boulevard in the City of Los Angeles, to contact and arrest a stalking suspect..

The investigation revealed that the Suspect (Van Lint) had been stalking the victim for the past 8 months (via e-mail) from Belgium. Suspect (Van Lint) increased the number of these aggressive e-mails over the last 48 hours. Deputies contacted the suspect, Pierre Van Lint and placed him under arrest for the crime of Stalking, 646.9 (a) PC. Suspect was booked at the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station. Suspect Van Lint is a citizen of Belgium. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's International Liaison was notified.

This investigation is ongoing. Anyone with any information please contact Detective Mike Berbiar at the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station at 310-855-8850.

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