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## **ARREST MADE IN SERIES OF BURGLARIES AND SEXUAL ASSAULTS**

RIVERSIDE, CA – On Monday, October 10, 2016, Detectives from the Riverside Police Department's Sexual Assault & Child Abuse (SACA) Unit located and arrested a person suspected in a series of burglaries and sexual assaults in the City of Riverside. These crimes occurred in the Arlanza neighborhood and the suspect targeted women and children. The suspect, PEDRO PAREDES RAMIREZ, a 31-year-old former resident of the Arlanza area and currently from Moreno Valley, was later booked into the Robert Presley Detention Center for multiple counts of burglary, sexual assault and lewd acts with a child. He is also believed to be tied to earlier investigations where a sketch artist assisted victims in creating an image of the perpetrator and has now been positively identified in at least two of them (*See related images below*).

On Sunday, October 9, 2016, at about 3:47 a.m., Riverside Police Officers responded to 6900 block of Adler Place after a mother found an unknown adult male inside of her daughter's room committing a lewd act. The suspect forced entry through the child's



window. The father chased the suspect and was able to provide a suspect and vehicle description before he was able to get away.

While officers were conducting their investigation on Adler Place, an in-progress burglary was broadcasted at about 4:10 a.m. in the 9800 block of Cypress Avenue with the same suspect description. The suspect fled prior to police arrival. Again, the suspect forced entry into the home and attacked a woman and her child.

At about 4:28 a.m., a third call regarding a 9-1-1 open line was broadcasted at 6800 block of Comstock Avenue. A citizen recognized the suspect vehicle from prior prowler calls in the neighborhood, heard dogs barking nearby and went to investigate. The citizen and his cousin found an individual prowling about a home where the female residents had been victimized before. They confronted the suspect prompting two residents to come outside. The suspect lunged at one of the female residents and fled. The two citizens chased the suspect and attempted to apprehend him, providing detail about his person and vehicle which led to the identification of the perpetrator.

Detectives from the Centralized Investigations Bureau, assisted by technicians from the Forensics Unit, responded and assumed these investigations. Today, they were able to locate and arrest Mr. Ramirez. The suspect's vehicle, a white early 2000's GMC Yukon XL, was also recovered.

SACA Detectives will continue to follow-up on similar incidents that occurred earlier this year and in 2015. Mr. Ramirez had access to a white late 90's Nissan Sentra and a white early 2000's Nissan Altima as well.

Detectives would like to speak to anyone with information about these incidents and can contact SACA Unit Detective Brazil at (951) 353-7121, or [mbrazil@riversideca.gov](mailto:mbrazil@riversideca.gov).



**PEDRO PAREDES RAMIREZ**



On the morning of Sunday, May 15, 2016, Riverside Police Officers were dispatched to the 6400 block of Crest Avenue regarding a residential burglary. The Officers learned that shortly after 3:00 a.m., the suspect entered the residence and sexually assaulted two victims. The suspect fled when one of the victims woke up and saw him. He then left in a vehicle parked to the front of the residence on Crest Avenue. Detectives from the Sexual Assault and Child Abuse (SACA) unit responded and assisted with follow-up investigation.

Later that same morning at approximately 10:15 a.m., Officers were dispatched to a residence in the 6700 block of Green Avenue, approximately one mile from the earlier incident. Two females reported that at about 3:20 a.m., they were inside sleeping when awakened by a knock on the window and a bright light shining. They looked outside and saw a subject exposing himself. They then yelled to the subject they were going to call police and he fled the residence in a vehicle. Damage to the window screens was later found by the victims prompting their call to the police. Based on information provided by a witness, a composite sketch of the suspect in both incidents was created. There is also a vehicle of interest that appears to be a 2000 to 2006 model Chevy Suburban or GMC Yukon XL, white in color.



Riverside Police Officers responded to the 6800 block of Comstock Avenue on Saturday, November 14, 2015, at approximately 4:43 a.m., after receiving a call of a subject breaking into a residence. Responding officers learned that a White or Hispanic male adult in his 20's to early 30's was seen standing inside of the victim's bedroom. The suspect fled after the victim screamed for help.



On Sunday, September 6, 2015, at 6:03 a.m., officers from the Riverside Police Department responded to a residence in the 5000 block of Picker Street regarding a sexual assault of a child. When officers arrived they learned a child under the age of 10 had been sexually assaulted by an unknown intruder who had gained access to the residence. The child did not know the suspect and officers on scene contacted investigations. Detectives from the Riverside Police Department's Sexual Assault/Child Abuse and Homicide units responded to assist with the investigation. The child involved assisted with a composite sketch of the suspect, which is included below.

The suspect is described as being in his mid to late 50's with dark hair and having a "droopy" left eye. He was approximately 5'7" with a thin build. The suspect spoke with an accent and is thought to be Hispanic. The police department is asking for the public's help in identifying the suspect.



Riverside Police Officers responded to the 6800 block of Comstock Ave on Thursday, August 20, 2015, at approximately 4:00 a.m. after receiving a call of a subject breaking into a residence. Responding officers learned that a Hispanic male adult in his late 20's to early 30's was seen standing inside of the victim's bedroom. The suspect fled as she exited her bed. The suspect was last seen getting into a 1990's model white Honda with black trim on the doors.