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Missing man located

Apparent abduction victim beaten, dropped off in Northside neighborhood

Riverside, CA -- Riverside Police continue to investigate the suspicious disappearance of a man who went missing from his North Riverside residence early Friday morning, February 15.

Transito Ramos, 47, turned up at Riverside Community Hospital shortly before 10 p.m., Friday night, after Ramos had been dropped off in his neighborhood by unidentified persons. A neighbor spotted the badly beaten Ramos on the street and took him to the hospital for treatment of his injuries.

Ramos went missing from his Chase Road residence in the city's Northside neighborhood when he took out the trash about 5:30 a.m., Friday, February 15, but failed to come back into the house. When his wife went to look for him, she found the full trash can, tipped over at the curb, but no sign of her husband. His car and personal belongings were not disturbed, and he did not report to his long-time employer. He was apparently abducted, beaten and held for several hours, somewhere in or near the city.

At about 9 p.m., Friday, the family reported that Ramos phoned them, claiming to be in Mexico, and not to expect him several hours. He was dropped off in his neighborhood a short time later. Details are unclear. Investigation continues.

Anyone with information helpful to this investigation is asked to call Riverside Police Detective Dave Smith at (951) 353-7103 or Detective Jim Brandt at (951) 353-7137.

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