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Strong Arm Robbery/Attempted Kidnapping

UPDATE: Victim arrested for Filing False Police Report

At about 6:20 PM this evening, an adult female was pushing her infant son in a stroller near the bus stop on the south side of West Las Positas Blvd., west of Santa Rita Rd. She walked behind a sound wall into the Las Positas Garden Townhomes while being followed by two unknown black male suspects. Without warning, suspect #1 pushed the victim to the ground and grabbed her purse from her shoulder. As the victim fell, suspect #2 took possession of the stroller with the infant and began to push it east through the complex towards Santa Rita Rd. After a short distance he lost control of the stroller and it tipped over. Suspect #2 attempted to pull the infant from the stroller but was unsuccessful. Both suspects then fled eastbound through the complex towards Santa Rita Rd. with the victim's purse.

The victim and her infant were not injured during the incident.

The suspects were described as:

#1 Black Male Adult; 18-25 years old; approximately 6 feet tall; medium build; clean shaven. Wearing a black baseball cap, black hooded sweatshirt and black pants

#2 Black Male Adult; 18-25 years old; approximately 5'8" to 5'9" tall; medium build; clean shaven. Also wearing a black baseball cap, black hooded sweatshirt and black pants.

Anyone with information that would assist in the investigation of this crime is encouraged to contact the Pleasanton Police Department at (925) 931-5100.

UPDATE

On 05/21/13 at 3:00 PM, the victim in this case, Jennifer Flores, D.O.B. 1/17/90, was placed under arrest for filing a false police report, a violation of 148.5(a) PC. A warrant was obtained for her arrest and she was taken into custody without incident at her place of employment in the City of Dublin.

Detectives began working on this case immediately after it was reported based upon the seriousness of the allegations. Numerous Police Department resources were utilized in an attempt to locate the suspects and take them into custody. A significant part of the investigation focused on the information that was provided by the victim, Jennifer Flores. As Detectives spent more time with Flores they discovered several major inconsistencies in her statement. Detectives located surveillance video of Flores leaving her purse at Domino's Pizza in the City of Pleasanton one hour before she reported the robbery. Surveillance video showed the purse with the employees of Domino's pizza during the same time period Flores stated this crime occurred. The next day Flores is seen returning to the store to recover the purse she reported stolen. Even after Flores recovered her purse from Domino's she continued to lie to Detectives and perpetuate the false report of a robbery and attempted kidnapping of her infant son.

Today, after Flores was taken into custody, a search of her person resulted in the discovery of property that she had reported as stolen. Flores finally admitted she fabricated the entire story and there was no truth to what she had reported on 5/15/13. Flores was booked at SRJ with a \$10,000 bail.

The Pleasanton Police Department spent approximately \$2,980.00 dollars in staff time and resources to investigate this crime. The Alameda County District Attorney will be seeking restitution on behalf of the City of Pleasanton in this matter.