



City of Paso Robles
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Arrest for Criminal Threats
Suspect Threatens Female Student near Middle School

PASO ROBLES, CA – The Paso Robles Police Department arrested 20-year old Jesus Alberto Bernalsalgado at 7:50am, on Thursday, March 30, 2017, after a school crossing guard observed him harassing a 12-year old victim near Flamson Middle School.

According to the 12-year old victim, and crossing guard witness, Bernalsalgado began chasing the female student while she was making her way to school. The observant crossing guard flagged down a PRPD officer working traffic enforcement in the area and asked for help. The PRPD officer quickly located Bernalsalgado and detained him.

A subsequent investigation revealed the heavily intoxicated suspect was walking behind the victim while she walked to school on 31st Street. The victim said Bernalsalgado began walking faster and closer to her; fearing for her immediate safety the victim began running from Bernalsalgado, who began chasing her toward the school. As the suspect gave chase, he threatened that he would sexually assault her. Although shaken, the teenage victim was not injured and never touched by Bernalsalgado. The victim obtained help from school officials inside school grounds.

The suspect is in police custody and being booked into SLO County Jail on the following charges:

- PC 422 –Threatening a crime with intent to terrorize – Felony
- PC 647.6 – Annoying a child under age 18 – Misdemeanor
- PC 220(a)(2) – Assault with intent to commit rape on a child under age 18 – Felony
- PC 647(f) – Drunk in public - Misdemeanor

The Paso Robles Police Department would like to remind parents and guardians of the importance of talking to their children about crime prevention and awareness. Parents should stress to children that they should never talk to, or approach strangers. Children should be encouraged to immediately report any strange or criminal behavior to an adult.

The PRPD currently does not have a photograph of Bernalsalgado for media release. SLO County Jail is authorized to release any photographs as they become available.

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