



Pasadena Police Department

MEDIA RELEASE



Suspect Arrested for Attempted Kidnapping

On February 7, 2017, shortly after 4:00 p.m., the Pasadena Police Department arrested 32-year-old Salvador Avalos for an attempted kidnapping. Just two hours prior, police dispatch received a call from a distraught 17-year-old female who said she had been the victim of an attempted abduction. At around 2:00 p.m., patrol officers were dispatched to the Pasadena Heritage Museum to meet with the young victim. Officers learned through their initial investigation that as the victim was walking home from school, she was approached by a Hispanic male in an older model Lincoln Navigator. She said that the lone male occupant and driver attempted to lure her into the vehicle by offering her \$100. The female refused the man's advances at which time he became more forceful by stating, "If you don't get in I will make you." As the female victim began walking faster, the suspect pulled his vehicle over and began to get out. The girl immediately retreated into the Pasadena Heritage Museum where she contacted the police. There was no weapon used or displayed during this incident.

After taking the report, the responding officer remained in the area and around 4:00 p.m., he was alerted that the suspect vehicle had been spotted near the area of Taylor Street and Red Bluff Road. The officer quickly entered that area and observed a white colored Lincoln Navigator matching the description given by the victim a few hours earlier. The officer initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle, and he noted that the driver also matched the description provided by the victim. The driver was found to be in violation of a traffic offense and was taken into custody. Pasadena Police Detectives later interviewed the man, who confessed to the Attempted Kidnapping.

As a result of the quick response and alertness of our patrol officers and detectives, charges were later filed on the suspect for Attempted Kidnapping. If the man and/or vehicle depicted in the images below has approached anyone else in the same manner, please contact Detective MacGregor with the Pasadena Police Department's detective division at 713-475-5590.



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