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Male subject assaults female drivers during traffic collisions

Riverside, CA -- During two separate unrelated traffic collisions in the city of Riverside, female drivers were assaulted by an unknown subject who was driving the other vehicle.

The first collision occurred on January 8th, 2009 at approximately 0300 hrs; in the 4300 block of Chicago Avenue. The female victim was traveling southbound on Chicago Avenue in her vehicle when it was struck from behind by another vehicle. The female victim pulled over to the side of the road to exchange information with the other driver. The female victim exited her vehicle to observe the damage to her vehicle and speak with the male driver of the other vehicle.

During her brief contact with the male driver, the female victim was forced to the ground and assaulted by the male driver. During the struggle, the male driver took the victim's cell phone and ran back to his vehicle and drove away northbound on Chicago Avenue.

On January 15, 2009, at approximately 0300 hrs, in the 6700 block of Van Buren Blvd., in the city of Riverside, a female driver was proceeding northbound on Van Buren Blvd, when her vehicle was struck from behind by another vehicle. The female driver was directed by the male driver of the other involved vehicle to pull over on a side road of which they both did. The male driver of the other vehicle approached the female victim and assaulted her through the opened car window. The male driver was able to get the female victim outside her vehicle where he continued to assault her. During the struggle, the male driver attempted to sexually assault the female victim who fended him off. The male driver then took the victim's cell phone and ran back to his vehicle where he drove away southbound on Van Buren Blvd.

The suspect in both incidents was described as an African American male, early 20s to early 30s, 507-510, 160-180 lbs, short black hair (no facial hair), wearing dark clothing. The suspect has a unique haircut design on the back of his head. The design consisted of three horizontal lines on each side of the back of his head

The vehicles used by the suspect have been described as an unknown make 90's tan SUV and a dark grey or green SUV type vehicle.

Neither female victim reported any weapons being used by the suspect. Both victims were treated by Riverside Fire Department and American Medical Response personnel who responded to the scenes. One of the victims was transported to a local hospital for further medical attention and later released.

A composite sketch of the assailant was produced and released to the public. Anyone with information regarding either of these incidents is asked to contact Detective Mike Medici at (951) 353-7104 or Detective Jim Brandt at (951) 353-7137.



For the safety of motorists who are involved in a traffic collision particularly during the evening hours, it is encouraged for all involved parties to pull over into a well lit area preferably in the presence of others when exchanging information regarding the traffic collision.

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