



HACIENDA LA PUENTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICE AND SAFETY DEPARTMENT

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District-Wide School Safety Alert

On Saturday, January 3, 2015, a teenage girl was kidnapped from the 600 block of Van Wig Avenue in the unincorporated county area of Bassett. The incident occurred at approximately 6:30 p.m. Two suspects exited their vehicle and approached the victim, who was then blindfolded by one of the suspects. The victim was taken to an unknown location, where she was sexually assaulted, and then returned to the neighborhood where she was kidnapped from.

Sheriff's deputies are looking for two suspects, who are described as Latino men in their late 20s. They are between 5 feet 9 inches and 6 feet tall. They drove an older-model, black Honda Civic with the first three license plate digits of "2WE." Anyone with information can contact the Industry Sheriff's Station at (626) 330-3322. Anonymous tips can also be reported at (800) 222-8477.

Parents are urged to remind their children of the need to be safe in their surroundings while coming and going to school. The Department of Police and Safety is working with Industry Sheriff's Station in order to provide extra patrol in the areas where these incidents occurred.

- Always walk in groups. If you cannot walk in a group, at least try and walk with another person.
- Do not walk alone in isolated areas.
- Always be aware of your surroundings.
- Never talk to strangers.
- Never accept a ride from a stranger or someone you do not know.
- If you are approached by a stranger in a car, walk away as quickly as possible and go to an area where there are other people.
- If you are approached or feel threatened by a stranger, please report it as soon as possible to your Principal, a School Police Officer or a Deputy Sheriff.

If you see any suspicious activity or are confronted by a stranger, **immediately** contact the Industry Sheriff's Station at (626) 330-3322 or the Department of Police and Safety of the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District at (626) 933-3927.

Vision Statement:

The Hacienda La Puente Unified School District is a community committed to developing lifelong learners who value themselves and the diversity of all people; apply decision-making skills leading to responsible actions; and use creativity, critical thinking, and problem solving in meeting the challenges of a changing society.