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SUSPECT ARRESTED IN JUNE 2014 KIDNAPPING OF UCR STUDENT

RIVERSIDE, CA – Riverside Police Robbery/Homicide detectives made an arrest in the June 8, 2014 kidnapping of a female student that attended University of California, Riverside (UCR). The suspect, Donald Earl Rosenbek, Jr., 30 years old, was arrested by the police department's Multi-Enforcement Tactical Resource Officer (METRO) Team on October 7, 2014, at a residence in Cathedral City.

On Sunday, June 8, 2014, at about 4:17 PM, the Riverside Police Department Communication Center received a call from a UCR student reporting that she was inside the University Towers parking garage at 3500 Iowa Avenue when a male subject grabbed her and forcibly placed her into his vehicle. The female was bound and driven around the area in the rear seat of the vehicle. During the abduction, the victim was physically assaulted. She was not sexually assaulted. While the female was being driven around, she remained calm and was able to talk the suspect into returning her to the parking garage and releasing her.

Riverside Police Department Robbery/Homicide detectives and a technician from the Forensic Unit responded to the victim's location and conducted an investigation. In October 2014, Ronald Rosenbek, Jr. was identified by forensic evidence recovered



from the scene. Based on this initial forensic identification, the victim was shown a photo lineup that included the suspect's photo. The victim was able to confirm that Donald Rosenbek, Jr. was the person who kidnapped her.

Following the identification of the suspect, detectives obtained an arrest warrant for Donald Rosenbek Jr. after presenting the case to the Riverside County District Attorney's Office. The warrant was issued by the Riverside Superior Court on October 3, 2014. Donald Rosenbek Jr. was charged with kidnapping (207(A) PC), false imprisonment (236 PC), and assault of a person by means of force likely to produce great bodily injury (245(A)(4) PC). Donald Rosenbek Jr. is currently being held at the Robert Presley Detention Center in Riverside, CA . He is scheduled to be arraigned on October 9, 2014 in Riverside County Superior Court.

Anyone with information on this case is asked to contact Detective Rick Wheeler at 951-353-7134.