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3 TEENS ARRESTED FOR SKATEBOARD ASSAULT

RIVERSIDE, CA – Three teens were arrested today, January 31, 2017, for an assault that occurred at Orange Terrace Park after school on Thursday, January 26th. One of the teens used a skateboard to assault another, rendering him unconscious and causing serious injury.

On the 26th, two teens from Amelia Earhart Middle School were walking through Orange Terrace Park at 4:30 p.m. when another teen from Amelia Earhart attempted to fight one of the students. Several other students from Martin Luther King High School were present and began to follow the kids, and some began to videotape the confrontation with their phones.

At one point a student from MLK High School struck one of the middle school students in the back of his head with a skateboard, rendering him unconscious. Another MLK Student kicked one of the middle school kids in the head when he was lying on the ground.

Officer Mattson, the School Resource Officer from Martin Luther King High School, investigated the incident and identified three suspects who were arrested today for the assaults. One teen from Moreno Valley who attends Amelia Earhart was arrested for battery, and two teens, one from Riverside and the other from Moreno Valley who are both enrolled at MLK High School, were arrested for Assault with a Deadly Weapon. All three minors were booked into Juvenile Hall.

The Riverside Police Department strives to keep our children safe during and after school. This incident has prompted additional police presence at our local parks, especially during times of early school release.



With so many children having access to cell phones today, we encourage kids to call the police anytime they suspect a potential assault is about to occur. We are thankful the incident was documented through video, and we hope families encourage their children to be peacemakers when they have an opportunity.