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Arrest Made in Child Abduction

Riverside, CA -- On Sunday, May 8, 2011, at approximately 0052 hours, officers from the Riverside Police Department were dispatched to the area of Bolton and Giles reference a report of a child knocking on doors. Upon arrival, officers located a 9 year old girl who appeared disoriented. The girl said that she had been asleep at her residence and was carried out of the residence by an unknown male and then “dumped” out of a car sometime later.

Officers were able to locate the girl’s residence in the area of Pike Street and Herman Drive in Riverside. Through investigation, officers determined that at approximately 2300 hours on May 7, the girl and two siblings were asleep inside the residence, when an unknown suspect entered through an unsecured window and carried the girl out of the residence. The single parent of the children was not home at the time.

The 9 year old girl was transported to Parkview Hospital in Riverside and later transferred to Loma Linda Hospital for injuries associated with the incident.

Detectives from the Child Abuse Unit responded to the scene and were assisted in their investigation by personnel from the Forensic Evidence Unit.

Detectives immediately began canvassing the neighborhood for witnesses and compiling a list of known acquaintances of the victim and family.

On May 16, 2011, investigators arrested Jose Wilson Rojas Guzman, 30 years old of Riverside, in connection with this incident. Guzman, who had previously rented a room at the Pike Street residence, was detained and questioned by investigators on May 9, 2011. After questioning, Guzman was taken into custody and held by Immigration and Customs Enforcement for an immigration violation. Investigators with the Riverside Police Department obtained a search warrant for Guzman’s DNA, which was submitted to the San Bernardino Sheriff’s Department Crime Lab for comparison to DNA found on the victim. On May 16, the Department was notified that the DNA evidence from Guzman matched the DNA evidence found on the victim. Guzman was booked into Riverside County Jail for California Penal Code

sections, 187 Attempt Murder, 209 Kidnapping with Injury, and Aggravated Child Sexual Assault. Each of these charges has a potential life sentence. Any additional charges will be filed by the Riverside County District Attorney's Office. Guzman is being held on a Million Dollar Bail and has been placed on an immigration hold.

The victim has been released from the hospital and is recovering from her injuries at an undisclosed location.

The Department is asking for the public's help to identify Guzman's residence. Investigators believe that Guzman may be renting a room in the west side of the City. Anyone who has rented a room to or knows where Guzman resides is asked to call Detective Roberta Hopewell at (951) 353- 7124.



The Department is also releasing a picture of Guzman's truck which investigators believe was used the night of the incident. Anyone who has information regarding the truck being used in past incidents, involving contact with minor children is requested to also contact Detective Hopewell.



The Riverside Police Department would like to thank the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department Crime Lab, California Department of Justice Cal I.D., Federal Bureau of Investigation and Immigration and Customs Enforcement for their assistance in this investigation. The Department would also like to thank the members of the public who provided information that also assisted our investigators.
