

TORRANCE

Press Release
Police Department

Sexual Battery Arrest

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On Wednesday, July 30, 2013, at approximately 12:15 pm, Torrance Police Detectives culminated a two-week investigation and arrested an 18-year-old male on various felony and misdemeanor sexual battery charges.



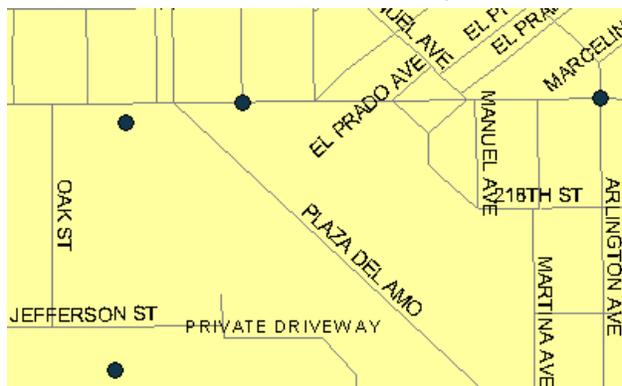
Miguel Avila, 18 years, of Torrance, was taken into custody without incident after Detectives investigated three separate incidents in the downtown area of Torrance where a lone suspect had committed three sexual batteries.

The suspect would commonly approach a female in a public place and unlawfully touch their upper torso and/or pelvic area over their clothing. The suspect would run off and no vehicle was ever seen.

Further investigation by Detectives helped link Avila to the three incidents and he was subsequently arrested without incident. Investigators were also able to tie Avila to a fourth incident that occurred at *Wilson Park*, 2200 Crenshaw Blvd, in April of 2012.

These crimes are being investigated under the command and direction of Captain Bernard Anderson of the Special Operations Bureau. Anyone with additional information on Avila or similar crimes he may be associated with is encouraged to contact the Torrance Police Department Detective Division at (310) 618-5570.

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