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San Francisco Police Arrest Visitacion Valley Mayhem Suspect 22-006(a)

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On Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at approximately 5:44 p.m. San Francisco Police Officers responded to Mansell St. and Visitacion Ave. regarding a report of a sexual assault that occurred at approximately 5:20 p.m. Officers arrived on scene but were unable to locate a victim or a possible crime scene during their investigation. Officers met with witnesses who stated that they were walking in the area when they heard a female yelling. As the witnesses turned their attention to the sounds they saw a screaming elderly female being pinned down on the ground by a male. The male saw the witnesses and turned his attention toward them. The male got off the female and fled the scene. The witnesses also fled the scene in fear for their safety and called the police in their home, but they did not see what happened to the female victim.

At approximately 6:30 p.m. the officers were notified by headquarters that an assault victim walked into a local hospital who stated that they were attacked near McLaren Park. Officers responded to the hospital to meet with the victim who may have been the female in the assault described above. Officers met with a 71-year-old female victim who was being treated for lacerations. The victim stated on January 5, 2022, at approximately 5:00 p.m. she was walking by herself at Campbell and Visitacion Avenues when she was approached by a male who was hiding in the bushes. The suspect threw the victim to the ground and got on top of her. The suspect proceeded to assault the victim in a sexual manner. The victim attempted to free herself from the suspect, but she could not overcome the suspect's hold. While the suspect pinned the victim to the ground, he bit her causing severe injuries to her face. During the assault, the victim heard voices scream out. The suspect then got off the victim and fled the scene. The victim got up and made her way to Visitacion Ave. where she flagged down a good Samaritan driving a vehicle. With the help of the good Samaritan, the victim called her husband who arrived and immediately drove her to the hospital.

The suspect is described as a Latinx or other race male with a light complexion, possibly in his mid-20's, approximately 5'7" tall, stocky upper body with thin legs, approximately 200 lbs., dark hair in a "bowl cut" style. The suspect may have an awkward gate as if pigeon-toed or with a disability and was last seen wearing a khaki or gray jacket or sweater and blue pants.

The SFPD obtained information that was provided by community members who read the initial news release on this incident, which portrayed the suspect in a sketch rendering. These tips led to the identification and location of the suspect. On Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at approximately 1:15 p.m. officers from Ingleside Police Station made contact with the suspect at Arleta Avenue and Rutland Street. Officers developed probable cause to

arrest the suspect, Angel Leonel Garcia, a 26-year-old male from San Francisco. Garcia was transported to San Francisco County Jail and was booked for mayhem (203 PC), false imprisonment (236 PC), and elder abuse (368(b)(1) PC).

The investigation is being led by the SFPD Special Victims Unit (SVU). The SFPD thanks the community who came forward with information that resulted in the suspect's arrest for this violent incident.

While an arrest has been made this remains an open investigation. Anyone with information is asked to contact the San Francisco Police Department SFPD 24-hour-tip line at [1-415-575-4444](tel:1-415-575-4444), or Text a Tip to [TIP411](tel:TIP411) and begin the message with SFPD. You may remain anonymous. You may remain anonymous.

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