

Hermosa Beach Police Department

Press Release

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“HBPD Arrests Strong Arm Robbery Suspects”

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Suspect: Jesus Sanchez Campos (20) Inglewood, CA

Charges: 211 PC Robbery

Bail: \$50,000

Suspect: Male Mexican Juvenile (17)

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Synopsis:

Suspect grabs/fights with victim for camera during street robbery.

Details:

On 7-16-07 at approximately 10:30 PM a 47 year old Hermosa resident was robbed of her camera on 2nd Street at Manhattan Ave.

The victim was trying out her new digital camera taking a picture of a nighttime blooming cactus plant in front of a residence in the 100 block of 2nd Street. The 17 year old suspect approached the victim as she took pictures. Suddenly the suspect grabbed the camera from the victim's hands and began to flee. The victim fought with the 17 year old for control of the camera. The 17 year old suspect forced the camera from the victim's hands and fled north on Manhattan Ave from 2nd Street.

Witnesses observed the crime as it occurred and saw the suspect flee to a waiting car where Campos was waiting. Hermosa Beach police officers were called by the victim and witnesses. Officers responded to the report of the Strong Arm Robbery that had just occurred. The witnesses had given a description of the get away car as a black 1996 Honda Civic. The 17 year old suspect was described as wearing a striped button down style shirt.

The victim is a member of the Hermosa Beach Neighborhood Watch Program. She immediately called HBPD on her cell phone utilizing the HBPD direct number 310 524-2750. She gave a clear description of the suspect and attempted to follow him as he fled alerting her neighbors in the process. This was a fine example of neighbors being prepared to recognize and act in safe manner to protect themselves and look out for on another.

Responding HBPD officers searched the area and located the fleeing suspects in the described car.

A stop of the car on 190th St at Flagler Lane in Redondo Beach was initiated by Sergeant Timothy Turek. The 17 year old suspect had taken off the striped shirt as he fled. During a subsequent search of the car by Officer Jonathan Sibbald, he turned up the victim's camera and the shirt worn by the suspect at the time of the robbery. There were no weapons found in the car.

The suspects were initially booked at the Hermosa Beach City Jail on suspicion of Robbery. During the booking process the 17 year old initially lied about his age. He was later booked at the Los Padrinos Juvenile Detention Facility in Downey.

It should be noted, two days prior to this crime the 17 year old had been released from the California Youth Authority on an unrelated Burglary charge.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact the Hermosa Beach Police Department, Detective Wayne Lewis @ (310) 318-0330.