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ATTEMPTED ABDUCTION ARREST 1600 BLOCK NORTH WILMOT

On the afternoon of May 5, 2013, officers from Operations Division East responded to a report of an **attempted abduction** of a juvenile female that occurred in the 1400 block of North Wilmot Road. Officers learned that a **15-year old female** had been walking towards a bus stop in the 1400 block of North Wilmot Road after visiting a family member at a condo complex located in the 1600 block of North Wilmot Road. The 15-year old female advised that she left the complex at approximately 2:20 p.m. While walking, she noted that there was an adult male also walking from the complex in the same direction that she was going. Unexpectedly, the male approached her from behind and grabbed her at approximately 2:30 p.m. to 2:40 p.m. The male told the 15-year old female that he was going to take her and implied that he would "hide her." The female juvenile actively fought against the male and was ultimately able to break free. She immediately ran to a nearby business and called her mother, who then called 911 to report the incident. As officers were responding to the area, they took note of another incident, which had been reported in the area, involving an unknown male suspect, who was causing a disturbance and exhibiting unusual behavior in the complex located in the 1600 block of North Wilmot Road. The suspect descriptions from both the attempted abduction incident as well as that of the male behaving erratically in the complex were very similar. Officers were able to determine what residence the male was associated to at the complex. They successfully contacted him at the residence and were able to take him into custody after a short while. Thankfully, the 15-year old female was not injured during the course of the incident.

Detectives from the Sexual Offenders Registration and Tracking (SORT) Unit responded to further the investigation of the incident regarding the attempted abduction of the 15-year old female. Ultimately, the **male suspect was arrested for 1 count of Attempted Kidnapping and 1 count of Aggravated Assault, both felony offenses.** He has been identified as **22-year old Alberto Martinez.** Mr. Martinez will be transported and booked into the Pima County Jail this evening. A booking photograph will be made available tomorrow.

Our thanks go out to the citizens, who called to report the suspicious activity and were able to provide both a description of the male suspect as well as a residence associated to him, in the complex located in the 1600 block of North Wilmot Road. Their information was extremely important and helped the officers to quickly identify the location of the suspect involved in the attempted abduction incident. As always, the Tucson Police Department encourages all citizens to quickly call 911 in order to notify law enforcement personnel of any suspicious activity. In this case, that additional and timely information led to the arrest of Mr. Martinez, an adult male who attempted to abduct a 15-year old girl.

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