



Public Safety Alert

Will Rogers State Beach, Pacific Palisades & surrounding areas

Dear Pacific Palisades Residents,

A critically significant incident occurred over the weekend and we want to advise the public to be on the lookout for the attacker and have a heightened sense of awareness of your surroundings.

We thank Rusty Redican who shared this truly disturbing information with us in his personal capacity as a private citizen, deeply concerned for the safety and security of the residents of Pacific Palisades. Rusty was contacted on Sunday because of his work and history with the Palisades

“Kidnapping and Attempted Rape at Will Rogers Beach, 02/04/23 at approximately 6:20PM.

A young woman was at the beach, to morn and reflect on the 7th anniversary of her mother passing away from cancer. She was there by herself, next to Tower 15 just south of Lifeguard HQ at 15100 PCH on Will Rogers State Beach, and a man walks up to her and pulls out a knife/box cutter, then grabs her and starts forcing her to walk towards the water. He puts his arm around her neck and shoulders, pulls her close and puts his hand over her mouth to stop her from screaming. While walking her away from the parking lot/bike path area, and towards the shoreline, he is threatening that he intends to rape her. She was able to get her pepper spray out and get away unhurt by using it. 1 LAPD unit came to meet her a while after she dialed 911.

She said he was a Male, Hispanic, about 5’7-8, 150-160 pounds, and had on a black or navy zip up track jacket, one side said “duck” in white writing and the other writing was in cursive. And he had a navy or black pants, almost like workout trousers. And a tan army like cap looking hat. She believed he could possibly be homeless. No further information at this time. She is safe but obviously very shaken.”

**** If anyone has additional information, please contact LAPD West LA Division Detectives at 310-444-0711. Incident #2302040003468***

P.S. Tower 15 is on the beach, south of the Lifeguard HQ, adjacent to where the Emergency Command Post typically is during Large Fires in the Palisades.”

Here are a few reminders of some precautions we can all take to protect ourselves:

- Carry a Safety Whistle
- Carry Pepper Spray (ideally Pepper Spray Gel, as it reduces potential blowback onto the potential victim)
- Take a Self Defense Class
- Make sure someone knows where you are at all times
- Avoiding Walking/Running after Dark
- Walk in Pairs or Groups
- Program your phone with one dial Emergency Numbers

Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, trust your gut and leave any situation immediately that makes you feel uneasy - and please teach your children to do the same.

Thank you for your vigilance in helping to keep our friends, family and neighbors safe.

Best,

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