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CITY OF MAYWOOD ESTABLISHES \$5,000 REWARD FOR ARREST AND CONVICTION OF PERSON PREYING ON LOCAL FEMALE RESIDENTS *VICTIMS HAVE INCLUDED A 13-YEAR -OLD GIRL*

Maywood, CA October 27, 2016 – MAYWOOD, Calif. - The Maywood City Council has moved to establish a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of an individual who has attacked and accosted several female residents including a 13-year-old girl, who was sleeping in her own bed. The motion to establish the reward was approved unanimously by the city council.

“There is a predator who is accosting a number of females in our community that must be stopped before he attacks another victim,” said Councilmember Thomas Martin. “The number one priority for the city council is the safety and security of our residents and by establishing this reward we are providing an incentive for someone to come forward and offer information leading to the arrest and conviction of this sick individual.”

According to the Sheriff's Department the latest incident occurred last Wednesday at a residence on the 3600 block of 53rd Street where the perpetrator entered the house through a kitchen window, made his way through the home and found the girl's bedroom. The alleged suspect entered the bedroom and grabbed the sleeping girl by the leg and covered her mouth at which time the victim's father confronted the suspect before he fled.

The first incident took place on Oct. 5 at a home on the 6100 block of King Avenue where a woman was sitting in her living room when a male suspect emerged from a hallway and approached her at which time she fought him off.

On Oct. 18, another incident occurred at an apartment on the 4300 block of 53rd Street - about one mile from the first incident where a resident in the apartment discovered and confronted the suspect who jumped out of the apartment window.

Authorities say in all the incidents, the suspect struck in the early morning hours and entered the house by removing the screen of an unsecured window.

The victims have described the suspect as a Hispanic male in his 20s, between 5 feet 2 inches and 5 feet 5 inches tall, with a thin build and wearing dark clothing.

“We are warning all our residents to be vigilant and lock their doors and windows at night until this culprit is caught,” said Mayor Ramon Medina. “Someone must know something and it's important that citizens come forward to assist the Sheriff's Department in capturing this individual.”

If you have any relevant information about these crimes, you're urged to contact Det. Andujo with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's East L.A. station at (323) 264-4151. You can also submit anonymous tips by calling Crime Stoppers at (800) 222-TIPS.

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