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Police Close The Books On Two Attempted Rape/Burglary Cases



Berkeley, California (Wednesday, September 23, 2009) - The City of Berkeley Police Department (BPD) is announcing the closure of two Attempted Rape/Burglary cases from earlier this year. On August 4, 2009 Sex Crimes Detectives arrested Ferhat Djoumi, 6/5/88, of Fremont for two Burglary/Attempted Rape cases, which occurred on July 16, 2009.

The first incident occurred at 1:15 a.m., on the 2100 block of Cedar Street, when the victim woke to find the suspect straddling her and lifting her shirt. The victim's mother (who was asleep in the same bed) woke and fought the suspect off until he fled the residence. At approximately 7:24 a.m. that same morning, Patrol Officers responded to the 2600 block of Hillegass Avenue for a report of a sexual assault. The college-aged victim woke to find the suspect on top of her. She resisted and the suspect fled the apartment.

The BPD department issued two Community Crime Alerts detailing these two events, which included the sketches of the suspect (seen above). The sketches were the work of a BPD sketch artist in collaboration with the two victims.

A break in the case came when forensic evidence discovered by a BPD Crime Scene Technician was later conclusively linked to Djoumi. On August 4, 2009, BPD detectives arrested Djoumi in Fremont.

On August 6, 2009 Djoumi was charged with two counts each of Attempted Rape, Sexual Battery, Burglary, and False Imprisonment, by the Alameda County District Attorney's Office.

The BPD is sharing the results of this investigation now that a final witness interview has been conducted, and the investigation is complete. ###