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Four Arrested In Modesto Rape, Kidnapping

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MODESTO (CBS13) — A brazen assault in downtown Modesto early Sunday morning led to the discovery of an apparent sexual assault victim and the arrest of four men, according to authorities.

The Modesto Police Department said an officer watching surveillance cameras in the downtown area spotted an altercation in a parking lot near the intersection of 12th Street and K Street just after 2:00 a.m.

Authorities said 24-year-old Ruben Leonard Moreno, Jr., was caught on camera viciously assaulting a woman after an argument while two other men stood by. The assault continued even after the victim was allegedly knocked unconscious, according to police.

Moreno, the two other men and a fourth suspect fled the scene in a dark SUV as officers arrived on scene, but was stopped less than a block away.

While officers rushed to help the victim in the parking lot, other officers found a second female victim inside the suspects' SUV who appeared to be the victim of sexual assault. Both alleged victims were rushed to the hospital.

All four suspects inside the SUV were arrested. Moreno was charged with attempted murder, kidnapping and committing a felony while on bail; Ricardo Garcia, 22, was charged with aiding in a felony and kidnapping; Emmanuel Alvaraz, 22, was charged with aiding in a felony, rape and kidnapping; and Felix Rangel, 22, was charged with aiding in a felony, kidnapping, and committing a felony while out on bail.

The sexual assault victim was treated at a local hospital and released. The other assault victim is still in the hospital, in stable condition.



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