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Police Arrest 4 After Modesto Assault, Rape

2 Women Assaulted As Nightclubs Closed

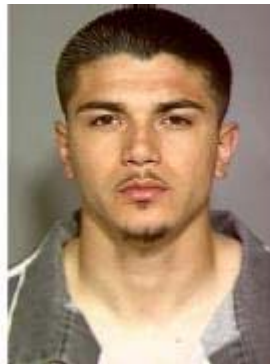
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MODESTO, Calif. -- Modesto police said four Modesto men were arrested Sunday on various charges in connection with the attempted murder of a 25-year-old woman and the sexual assault of a 20-year-old woman.



Ruben Moreno

Modesto Police Dept.



Ricardo Garcia

Modesto Police Dept.



Emmanuel Alvarez

Modesto Police Dept.



Felix Rangel

Modesto Police Dept.

Police said both assaults were

committed early Sunday in downtown Modesto as nightclubs in the area were closing.

Police said an officer was monitoring downtown surveillance in an eight-block area of Modesto's Downtown Entertainment district, which contains nearly 10 nightclubs, at 2:14 a.m. when he saw an argument developing in a parking lot located at 12th and K streets.

According to police, a woman was arguing with three men in a parking lot. When she began to use her cell phone, the men surrounded her and one man -- identified by police as 23-year-old Ruben Leonard Moreno -- took the phone from her.

Police said Moreno then assaulted the victim, knocking her unconscious and continuing to beat her afterward.

Police said the other two men, identified as Ricardo Garcia and Emmanuel Alvarez appeared to be acting as lookouts while the woman was being attacked.

After the assault, the trio got into a dark SUV and fled eastbound on K Street, police said.

The officer monitoring the cameras notified patrol officers, who quickly arrived on scene and began to render aid. Other officers found the SUV and stopped it at K and 13th streets.

Police said once the officers stopped the vehicle, they found the three men connected to the assault and another man, identified as Felix Rangel, inside with an unconscious 20-year-old woman who appeared to have been sexually assaulted.

Police said both victims were taken to hospitals because of the extent of their injuries.

According to police, the sexual assault victim has been treated and released, while the other woman remains in the hospital in stable condition.

Police said Moreno has been charged with attempted homicide, kidnapping and committing a felony while out on bail.

Alvarez was charged with aiding in a felony, kidnapping, and rape.

Rangel and Garcia were booked on charges of aiding in a felony and kidnapping. Rangel was also charged with committing a felony while out on bail.

Police ask anyone who may have information regarding this incident to call Detective Steve Anderson at 209-342-9173 or Crime Stoppers at 866-602-7463. Callers to Crime Stoppers can remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward.

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