

FRESNO POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Sexual Assault Suspect Arrested

At 3:30am on October 30, 2021, officers from the Southeast Policing District responded to the Chevron at Chestnut and Butler regarding a suspicious person. The female employee reported that a male was trying to force his way into the business through locked doors and was committing lewd, sexual acts towards her. The subject fled the scene as officers arrived.

Around 30 minutes after the incident at the Chevron, the same subject went to an apartment in the area of Chestnut and California Avenue and sexually assaulted an elderly female inside her apartment. During the assault, the victim fought back, causing the suspect to flee.

Around 30 minutes later, the same suspect went to an apartment complex in the area of Maple and California Avenue and sexually assaulted another female victim inside her apartment. The victim screamed causing the suspect fled the apartment.

While conducting follow-up investigations yesterday, detectives located a subject matching the description at a park near Lane and Winery. The subject, Joseph Keluche (12/10/1981) was found to have outstanding warrants for indecent exposure, violating a restraining order and resisting arrest. Keluche was taken into custody on the warrants and ultimately confessed to detectives to all three incidents. Keluche has been booked into the Fresno County Jail for the charges of felony sexual assault, felony assault with the intent to commit rape and burglary.

The Fresno Police Department encourages all community members to always lock their doors and windows, then double check them, before they go to bed. With the cooler weather upon us, if you decide to leave your windows partially open, please ensure to put in security measures (like wooden dowels or window rail locks).

Anyone with information on this case can remain completely anonymous by contacting Crime Stoppers at 498-STOP (7867).

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