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SUSPECT ARRESTED IN SEXUAL ASSAULT CASE

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Burbank, California – A suspect has been arrested in connection with a series of sexual assaults that took place on the campus of Burbank High School.

The incidents occurred on March 6, 2023. At about 9:00 a.m., Burbank Police responded to Burbank High School, located at 902 North Third Street, regarding a sexual assault investigation. A 14-year-old female victim told officers she was approached by a man she did not know while in a bathroom on campus. The man sexually assaulted the victim, a short struggle ensued, and the suspect fled the bathroom before being apprehended by school employees.

School employees remained with the suspect until police officers arrived and took custody of the man.

Investigators spoke with two additional female students, a 14-year-old, and a 17-year-old, who said they were also inappropriately touched by the suspect.

During the investigation, detectives determined the suspect gained access to the campus through an unlocked door in the student parking lot.

The suspect has been identified as 22-year-old Patrick Nazarian, a resident of Glendale, CA. Mr. Nazarian was arrested and booked for kidnapping, a felony, as well as sexual assault, and is being held in lieu of a \$1,200,000.00 bond. Formal charges are pending review by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office and Mr. Nazarian is due to appear in court on March 8, 2023.

Burbank Unified School District Superintendent Matt Hill has provided the following statement: *"The Burbank Unified School District takes this incident very seriously and will cooperate fully with the police investigation. We are also conducting an internal investigation into this matter. Keeping our students safe is of the utmost importance."*

This investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information related to this case is asked to call the Burbank Police Department Domestic and Family Crimes Unit, at (818) 238-3210.

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