

# ANAHEIM POLICE DEPARTMENT



## *Response to circulated emails alleging rapes in Anaheim Hills*

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Recently, there have been emails circulating through the eastern portion of Anaheim advising community members that 3 rapes have occurred in Anaheim Hills. The most recent emails were distributed within the last few days alleging that two of the three rapes occurred this past weekend. Unfortunately, the emails are not correct and have caused undue alarm. There has been only 1 reported rape in that area which is alleged to have occurred on February 3, 2010.

On February 10, 2010, a female contacted the Anaheim Police Department and reported that she had been raped one week prior. She states that on February 3, 2010 at approximately 2 in the afternoon, she was walking in the 8200 block of east Blackwillow Circle in Anaheim. She said that a male approached her, forced her into his vehicle and drove her away. She alleges that a short time later, the suspect stopped the van and raped her. Upon completion, he drove her back to her residential area and dropped her off. Before departing, he gave her what he said was a "morning after pill". He then drove away from the area.

The victim described the suspect as a male Caucasian in his late 30s, approximately 6 feet tall, weighing approximately 200 pounds, having short sandy colored hair and was wearing a white jump suit. She described the vehicle as an early 2000 full sized white van with blue writing on the side. There were no side or rear windows.

We have checked all of our records of police reports filed to date. After checking with the supervisor who oversees all sex crime police reports and investigations along with speaking with the commander of the investigative unit overseeing these crimes, we can verify that this is the only reported rape case in Anaheim Hills since then.

In the past, the Anaheim Police Department has greatly appreciated the public's assistance in our crime prevention efforts, including email communications. Previous distributions of information to email groups have resulted in helping us solve crimes and keeping the public informed to prevent others from being victimized. In this case, it is unfortunate that distribution of unverified information caused unnecessary concern to many. We encourage citizens to continue sharing information and helping us in keeping our city safe. We also encourage those with questions or concerns to call us.

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