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"Public Safety Advisory"

Over the past several months, the City of Coalinga has seen a rise in sexual battery offenses in various areas of the City. A majority of the incidents have occurred in the area of the 300 block of West Polk Street as well as in an area near the 500 block of Washington Street.

In a majority of cases, the victim was a lone female, either walking or running and reported being approached by the suspect from behind. Each victim has reported that she was grabbed by the suspect momentarily, who then ran off. No injuries have been sustained by the victims.

The victim's have described the suspect (s) in the cases as being a Hispanic male, between 5'06"- 5'08", average build, wearing gym type clothing.

A majority of the cases being investigated occurred during daylight hours, however the Coalinga Police Department would like to remind the public to remain diligent and to report any suspicious activities immediately.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Coalinga Police Department dispatch center at (559) 935-1525.