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On February 8, 2016, between 8:45 am and 10:00 am, the Coalinga Police Department received reports of a Hispanic male adult exposing himself to females in the area of Monterey and Lucille. The subject was reportedly driving a tan van with Texas license plates. It was reported by three females that the subject had stopped next to them while they were walking, asked them for directions and their phone numbers, and then exposed his genitals to them.

Officers located a vehicle that matched the description on Elm Avenue a short time later. A traffic stop was conducted on Elm Avenue at Fourth Street on a gold Mercury Villager and the driver was detained. One of the reporting parties was brought to the scene and identified the vehicle and the subject as the person who exposed himself to her.

The subject, 23-year-old Victor Mauricio Melendez, was arrested for three counts of Indecent Exposure and his vehicle was towed pursuant to his arrest. Melendez had moved to Coalinga about 5 months ago from the Riverside area. Melendez was booked into the Coalinga City Jail and was later transported to the Fresno County Jail. He was released on a citation from the Fresno County Jail about one hour later pending a court hearing.

If anybody finds themselves in a similar situation, they are urged to contact the police department immediately and provide the best description as possible to assist in locating such individuals.



Victor Mauricio Melendez

Subject is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law