



Yakima Police Department



News Release

Subject: Apparent Kidnapping

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Police Ask for Community Help to Locate Apparent Kidnapping Victim

Yakima police are asking for help to locate the victim of an apparent kidnapping that took place Sunday evening.

Yakima Police Department (YPD) officers responded at about 10:00 pm Sunday to a report of a woman being forced into a car in the 1000 block of South 9th Street. Witnesses told police that 27-year-old Gregoria Isabel Montano had been forced to get into a car by 30-year-old Victor Valencia-Zamora. The car, which is silver and is described as being similar to a Chrysler 200, was being driven by an unidentified woman.

Witnesses told police Montano and a friend were walking along 9th Street when they saw Valencia-Zamora approaching them. Police say Valencia-Zamora is a former boyfriend of Montano's. Montano and her friend went to an apartment building to ask for help. Valencia-Zamora then allegedly grabbed Montano, forcibly made her walk with him, and eventually pushed her into a car that was located a short distance from the apartment building.

Police have not yet located Montano, Valencia-Zamora, nor the driver of the vehicle Zamora was allegedly pushed into.

Valencia-Zamora, who is known to police, is described as 6'2" tall, weighing about 220 pounds, and identifiable by multiple distinguishing tattoos.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact the Yakima Police Department at (509) 575-6200 or by calling 9-1-1. Tips can be also be reported to Yakima County Crime Stoppers by phone at 1-800-248-9980, on the organization's website at crimestoppersyakco.org, or through the "P3 Tips" app that can be downloaded for free at p3intel.com/.