



La Verne Police Department

Press Release

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The La Verne Police Department investigated a series of threats that initially targeted a student group affiliated with the University of La Verne and student members of the group. A series of nine additional incidents followed the initial threat that occurred on February 28, 2019. Most of these threats were delivered electronically via emails or texts. At one point, the threats escalated to a point where the University of La Verne cancelled classes for a day to “reset” and deal with the threats.

After an extensive investigation, the La Verne Police Department’s Detective Bureau presented the case to the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office for filing of criminal charges. On March 6, 2020, the suspect, **Anayeli DominguezPena**, was charged with the following crimes and a warrant for her arrest was issued:

SUSPECT: **Anayeli DominguezPena**, 25 years of age, Resident of Ontario, CA

CHARGES:

Felony	422 PC	CRIMINAL THREATS
Felony	118(a) PC	PERJURY – Filing false claim for State victim compensation benefits
Misdemeanor	528.5(a) PC	INTERNET / ELECTRONIC IMPERSONATION
Misdemeanor	148.5(a) PC	FILE FALSE POLICE REPORT - Six counts

The suspect is a former student at the University of La Verne and she was one of the leaders of the student group that was threatened. The threats were directed at the University of La Verne, the student group, herself, and members of the group. The investigation concluded that the suspect acted alone and no other members of the student group were involved with the criminal acts. One of the victims associated with these cases was another student leader of the threatened group who did not appear to have any knowledge of the suspect’s actions. Other victims associated with these cases are a fraternity at the University of La Verne and the fraternity’s president. The initial and subsequent threats used the logo of the fraternity and identifiers of the fraternity president to focus suspicion on the fraternity and



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its president. Throughout this investigation no evidence was found linking the fraternity or any of its members to these crimes.

The suspect was arrested without incident and she is currently being booked into the Los Angeles County Jail system. The suspect will be held on a \$200,000 bail.

This investigation involved retrieval and analysis of a large amount of digital data and could not be completed without the help of our allied agencies. The Los Angeles County District Attorney Bureau of Investigation's High Tech Crime Unit and their Computer Forensics Unit provided guidance and support during this investigation. The Santa Clara Police Department and the Silicon Valley Rapid Enforcement Allied Computer Team (REACT) also provided guidance and technical support during this investigation.

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