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GLENDALE, Ariz. – On February 15, 2017 Glendale Police Gateway Property Crimes detectives were conducting multiple days of surveillance in an attempt to identify and locate a man who was reported flashing high school age girls near a bus stop in the area of 65th Ave and Bethany Home Rd. The victims in this case were identified as being between 15 and 16-year-old females. At least two reports had been made to the administration at Glendale High School and to the Glendale Police Department.

The first incident occurred on February 2, 2017 for the entire week when a male described as 5’11” and 180lbs, full beard, wearing a possibly grey trench coat and beanie hat, flashed his genitals to three juvenile females and was seen masturbating. The second incident occurred on February 8, 2017 when a male described as Hispanic in his mid-thirties, with a heavy build, stubble beard, gray and black hair, wearing a green trench coat and beanie hat, again flashed his genitals to another female juvenile student. Through their investigation Glendale Police detectives were able to develop probable cause for the suspect, 34-year-old Ezequiel Gardea Diaz, and arrested him on 4 counts of indecent exposure. Ezequiel was also arrested for trespassing and was in possession of illegal drugs and a handgun; totaling five felony counts and five misdemeanor counts.

Glendale Police Sex Crimes detectives are not aware of any other allegations at this time, however, the investigation is ongoing.

Incidents like this highlight the importance of parents maintaining open lines of communication with their children to ensure comfortability in sharing information of this nature with trusted adults.

- Do not talk to strangers if approached
- Do not accept rides from strangers
- If approached by a stranger, run away immediately, tell a trusted adult, and call 911
- Always walk or ride in groups
- Always pay attention to your surroundings

Anyone with information about Diaz or his activities is encouraged to contact the Glendale Police Department at 623-930-3000. Attached below is a photo of Diaz.

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