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A man is in custody after a teen reported she was chased by the suspect to her home. The call came into dispatch at 2:14 p.m. today, when the 13-year-old called and reported a man had threatened to “get her” and chased her from a nearby park to the 7100 block of Noah Drive. The suspect is not known to the victim. While she was on the phone with dispatch the man showed up at the apartment the teen was calling from. She told dispatch the man was cursing and pounding on the wall of her home. When officers arrived on scene, they found 30-year-old Julian Gonzalez lying on the ground, and he appeared to be under the influence of some type of drug.

Gonzalez was detained without incident. Shortly thereafter, Gonzalez became very hostile with the officers. Gonzalez kicked them, spat on them and cursed at them repeatedly. The officers were not injured in the incident. Due to Gonzalez’ presumed level of intoxication, paramedics were called, and he was transported to a local hospital to be cleared for booking.

Once released from the hospital, Gonzalez will be booked into jail for battery on a police officer, disorderly conduct, being under the influence in public, and resist and obstruct.

We applaud this teen for getting to safety and calling 911. Parents/guardians, please remind children of the following safety tips: 1. Never get in the car with a stranger. 2. Tell an adult if approached by a stranger. 3. If possible, walk in groups and not alone.

“Life is about choices. This man chose to ingest narcotics which ultimately led to him chasing a young girl like a wild animal while she was just out enjoying a nice Sunday afternoon at a park near her home. This man then chose to attack my officers who responded to the call of duty and chose to spit in their faces. Who does this? A man who chooses to live a life like an animal. Sorry sir, our community members are not your prey, and you are not in the wild. This is our community, and we will always defend it!” said Rex Ingram, Caldwell Chief of Police.

All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.