



VALLEJO POLICE PRESS RELEASE April 17, 2020

Captain Jason Potts, Investigations Bureau

Attempted Murder Investigation - Multiple Jurisdictions

Vallejo, Calif. - On Thursday, April 16th, 2020, at approximately 8:08 AM, the Vallejo Police Department received a call from concerned family members about a missing 29-year-old female.

Family members last saw the victim at approximately 7:35 AM, in the 900 block of Kentucky Street in the City of Vallejo with suspect Juan AYON-BARRAZA, a 24-year-old Vallejo resident.

The victim told family members that she was leaving to get breakfast with him and would return. A short time later, BARRAZA, made contact with a family member of the victim via telephone, where he made an unsettling comment - causing them to be extremely concerned for her well-being.



Juan Ayon-Barraza

At approximately 8:00 AM, the victim's family contacted BARRAZA in person and confronted him in an attempt to determine the victim's whereabouts. BARRAZA was evasive with the family and then fled from them.

Utilizing every resource available, the Vallejo Police Department Detective Division worked this case diligently as an at-risk missing person case.

Later in the early evening, a concerned citizen in the city limits of Moraga, California called 911 after observing a subject discarding what appeared to be a body on the side of the road from a white van.

The body reported in Moraga was found to be a female victim, and was later confirmed to be the at-risk missing person from Vallejo. She was still alive but unresponsive and transported to a local hospital, where she was treated for at least one gunshot wound. The victim is presently in critical condition.

Oakland Police Officers responded to the area in Moraga where they attempted to stop the white van seen leaving the area. Instead of stopping, the driver, later identified as Juan Ayon-BARRAZA fled, taking them on a pursuit that ended in Richmond. Please see Richmond PD's press release for details.

This incident is an ongoing investigation involving multiple agencies, including the Oakland Police Department, Richmond Police Department, California Highway Patrol, Moraga Police Department, Contra Costa Sheriffs, and Contra Costa District Attorney's Office.

Anyone with information is asked to contact:

Detective Craig Long (707) 648-4514 or Detective Josh Caitham (707) 648-4342.

Media can contact the Vallejo PD at 707-651-7147.

Citizens can provide information to the Vallejo PD at 800-488-9383.

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