



**Bus/Rail Operator Assaults  
January 2024**

Date	Time	Line	Bus#	Intersection/City	Narrative	Barrier	Reason	Method	Transported to Hospital?
1/1/2024	12:50	70	1802	El Monte	Suspect bit bus operator over demanding stop. Suspect pepper sprayed Metro security.	Yes	Demanded stop	Bit bus operator	No
1/1/2024	17:10	115	6080	Los Angeles	Suspect pointed gun at bus operator over traffic dispute	Yes	Traffic dispute	Brandished gun	No
1/2/2024	21:40	33	3889	Cadillac & Venice Bl	Suspect simulated a gun and simultaneously ordered victim to take-off or he would "spray" (street vernacular for shooting) the bus. Fearful, victim activated the silent emergency alarm. Victim instructed bus patrons to exit bus. PD arrived and took suspect into custody. No weapon found.	Unkn	Wanted to board	Brandished gun	No
1/8/2024	21:45	207	8831	Venice Bl & Western Av	Victim arrived at a designated bus stop. Suspect entered bus and unprovoked yelled, "You F...n "N" word" then spat towards victim. Spit landed on the plastic barrier and victim's shoulder. Suspect repeated his words four times and spat on victim a total of 3 times. LAPD arrived at scene and took suspect into custody.	Yes	No reason	Spit	No
1/9/2024	12:03	55	4015	Los Angeles	Suspect punched and spit on bus operator for unknown reasons.	Yes	No reason	Hands (punch, slap)	No
1/9/2024	15:00	260	1801	Pasadena	Suspect punched bus operator when asked to exit bus at end of line.	Yes	Told to exit	Hands (punch, slap)	No
1/14/2024	20:24	460	5677	Norwalk	Suspect spit on bus operator for missing bus stop.	Yes	Missed stop	Spit	No
1/17/2024	6:20	204	8710	Sunset Bl & Vermont	Victim parked bus passed bus layover stop (no space available in designated layover location). Victim proceeded to exit bus when suspect entered. Victim advised bus was not in service and there was another bus scheduled to arrive soon. Suspect became angry and began shouting at victim. Suspect punched victim's face and fled location.	N/A	Wanted to board	Hands (punch, slap)	No
1/18/2024	17:10	234	Unkn	Astoria & San Fernando Rd	Prior to arriving at the bus stop, suspect approached bus and attempted to place his bicycle on the bicycle rack. Victim waved to suspect, signaling for suspect to move out of the way. Suspect appeared upset with victim's request. Suspect stepped onto the bus and stated, "I'll shoot you and I'll end your life." Suspect exited bus, removed his bicycle off the bike rack and then reentered bus. Suspect reached over the barrier and spat on victim's face.	Yes	Told to wait to board	Spit	No
1/19/2024	19:40	2	8605	Sunset Bl & Alvarado Bl	Victim honked the bus horn due to suspect blocking the turning lane. Suspect exited his vehicle then returned to his vehicle. Suspect produced an unknown black object and pointed it in a shooting position towards the bus / victim. Victim observed a flash and heard a "detonation." Suspect fled in vehicle. No damaged discovered on bus.	N/A	Operator honked horn	Fired gun	No
1/21/2024	7:55	207	9505	8th St & Soto St	Suspect entered bus, bypassed fare machine and laid down on the bus bench reserved for handicapped patrons. Victim instructed suspect to sit up. Suspect began to yell obscenities and rose up out of his seat. Suspect then stated, "I'm gonna kill you." Suspect produced an unknown sharp object (later determined to be pliers) and held it in his hands. Fearful, victim stopped bus and contacted BOC. Victim exited, suspect followed victim off the bus and continued to argue with victim. LAPD responded to location and took suspect into custody.	Unkn	Upset bc was told to sit up	Brandished weapon	No
1/21/2024	14:20	233	8709	Plummer St & Sepulveda Bl	Suspect entered bus and continuously banged on the bus window and pulled the wire alerting bus operator to stop. Victim arrived at a designated bus stop and asked suspect to exit. Suspect became angry, approached victim and splashed victim's face with an unknown liquid (possibly alcohol).	Unkn	No reason	Threw unknown liquid	No
1/22/2024	11:20	81	1915	Slauson Av & Figueroa St	Suspect attempted to sneak into bus carrying an unknown beverage container. Victim observed suspect's actions and advised he needed to exit bus. Suspect refused to exit. Victim advised she would not continue until suspect exited bus. Suspect became enraged and argued with victim. Suspect approached victim and threw a unknown hot beverage at victim striking victims face, chest, torso and legs. Suspect exited bus and fled location.	Unkn	Told to exit	Threw hot liquid	No
1/25/2024	9:25	108	5917	Culver City	Suspect transient MB/67yrs arrested for attempted rape of bus operator.*	Yes	Unknown	Attempted rape	No
1/27/2024	10:40	754	9534	3rd St & Vermont Av	Suspect entered bus and approached victim. Victim thought suspect wanted to tell her something, so she leaned over the protective barrier. Suspect then spat on victim's face. Suspect exited bus, victim exited and followed suspect, causing a physical altercation to begin. Victim punched suspect and suspect struck the back of victim's head and ear with a possible purse. Citizens intervened and separated suspect and victim. Suspect fled location.	Yes	No reason	Hands (punch, slap)	No
1/27/2024	13:30	180	1713	7th St & Alvarado St	Suspect sat behind the driver's (victim) seat. Victim overheard suspect speaking explicit language to himself or as he spoke on his cell. Victim advised suspect to be quiet due to a woman and small children sitting in front of him. Suspect replied, "shut the f... up, on the set (gang statement)." Suspect further stated he was in a gang. Suspect approached victim, swung at victim and grazed victim's head. Suspect re-approached victim and continued to swing at victim multiple times. Victim was able to place suspect in a headlock and punched suspect multiple times. Suspect then bit victim's chest causing victim to release the headlock. Suspect exited bus and fled location.	No	Told to lower voice	Hands (punch, slap)	Yes
1/28/2024	6:25	Unkn	Unkn	Colorado Bl & Ellenwood Dr	Suspect approached victim on the bus and struck victim's face. Suspect then yelled, "why didn't you pick my mother at the bus stop?" Suspect exited bus and fled location.	No	No reason	Hands (punch, slap)	No

\*Please note that the attempted rape on 1/25/2024 was counted as a rape and not as a bus operator assault since a crime cannot be counted more than once and an attempted rape has a higher severity than a battery.