



**Bus/Rail Operator Assaults  
February 2024**

Date	Time	Line	Bus	Intersection/City	Narrative	Barrier	Reason	Method	Transported to Hospital?
2/7/2024	15:50	207	1956	Western Av & Jefferson Bl	Suspect exited bus then re-entered. Victim asked suspect, "Are you going to stay on or get off?" Victim proceeded to operate bus and advised suspect to stand behind the yellow safety line. Seconds later, suspect reached around the protective barrier and with a closed fist, punched victim's face. Victim stopped the bus and suspect exited through the bus window, on the right side of the bus. Victim noted suspect was not wearing shoes.	Yes	No reason	Hands (punch, slap)	No
2/8/2024	9:40	2	6077	Hill St & MLK Jr Bl	Suspect was observed banging on a bus parked behind victim's bus. Victim parked bus and stood outside awaiting her relief. Suspect later rode up to victim from behind on his bike and pushed victim's back, simultaneously yelling, "F... Metro." Suspect continued riding his bike and fled location.	N/A	No reason	Hands (punch, slap)	No
2/8/2024	19:25	720	8787	6th St & Broadway	Victim operated bus and immediately felt a sharp stinging pain on his left hand as he held the bus steering wheel. Victim looked in all directions and observed suspect holding a large purple air soft rifle in his hands. Victim stopped bus, exited and confronted suspect. Victim then flagged down patrolling officers and stated suspect was the person that fired the purple pain gun striking his left hand. Suspect replied, "I was trying to hit the stop sign on the other side of the street, I never meant to hit him. I'm sorry." Victim requested suspect arrested. Officers noted there was no evidence of paint on the bus or on victim.	N/A	No reason	Paint gun	No
2/16/2024	10:50	165	1766	Victory Bl & Lankershim Bl	Suspect entered bus. Victim observed suspect from his rearview mirror. Suspect stated, "what are you looking at?" Suspect then approached victim and spat on victim's face. Victim stood up to direct suspect off the bus. Suspect then punched the back of victim's head. Suspect exited bus and victim followed suspect off the bus resulting in both engaging in mutual battery. Suspect walked away and fled location.	Yes	No reason	Hands (punch, slap)	No
2/19/2024	13:00	210	1784	Vernon Av & Crenshaw Bl	Victim stopped and parked bus due to being ahead of the schedule. Another MTA bus operator pulled in behind victim's bus and dropped off suspect. The other operator communicated to victim that suspect caused problems on their bus. Suspect attempted to enter bus but was advised he could not enter due to causing problems on the previous bus. Suspect ignored victim's request and made entry into bus. Fearful, victim rose up from his seat due to suspect's close contact. Victim blocked suspect's path and a verbal altercation ensued. Victim advised suspect to back up due to suspect's bad breath. Suspect then spat on victim and began making derogatory statements. Victim pushed suspect out of the bus and continued his route. Victim then observed blood on his arm which was not his blood. Victim called PD and was later transported via RA to Kaiser West LA due to his concerns of bodily blood contact. Suspect contacted BOA and reported incident claiming he was the victim of an assault.	N/A	Refused entry	Hands (punch, slap)	Yes
2/21/2024	20:50	90	3976	Fair Av & Cumpston St	Victim arrived at the end of the route and observed suspect sleeping inside bus. Victim advised suspect she had to exit and attempted to wake suspect up. Suspect became agitated and began to hit victim approximately 20 times using both hands. Suspect continuously walked towards victim, striking victim and eventually breaking victim's glasses. As both parties reached the front of the bus, victim pinned suspect against the side of the bus to protect himself from getting hit. An unknown citizen entered the bus and separated both parties. Suspect exited bus and fled location.	N/A	Told to exit	Hands (punch, slap)	Yes
2/21/2024	17:30	754	9528	Los Angeles	Sus MH/25yrs demanded stop. When told he would have to wait sus punched bus op	Yes	Demanded stop	Hands (punch, slap)	No
2/23/2024	13:15	40	5681	Stocker & Crenshaw Bl	Victim arrived at a designated bus stop allowing passengers to exit and enter bus. As victim pulled away from the curb, she observed suspect striking the rear (outer area) of the bus multiple times. Victim stopped the bus. Suspect approached the front of the bus and banged on the front door as she simultaneously shouted profanities at victim. Victim felt unsafe and refused to allow suspect to enter bus. Approximately 15 minutes later again, victim was stopped at the intersection of Stocker & Crenshaw to allow boarding and deboarding. Victim observed suspect in the passenger seat of a blue vehicle (NFI). Suspect exited vehicle, walked to the front of the bus and pounded on the front door with both hands, demanding entry. Victim again refused. Suspected walked to the driver's side, reached into the bus and struck victim's left thigh with a closed fist. Suspect fled location on foot.	N/A	Refused entry	Hands (punch, slap)	No
2/25/2024	9:10	105	3958	Vernon Av & Hoover St	Victim assisted suspect with boarding due to suspect utilizing a wheelchair. As victim assisted suspect, suspect began making flirtations comments to victim stating, "Can I go home with you" and "I'm your man, I'm going home with you." Victim told suspect she wasn't interested. Victim proceeded to apply the safety locks to victim's wheelchair. Suspect grabbed victim's inner thigh for approximately 4 seconds. Victim told suspect to not touch her and to get off the bus. Suspect refused. Victim pulled over and called an MTA supervisor. Suspect exited bus (without assistance) and fled location.	N/A	Interested in op	Hands (punch, slap)	No
2/27/2024	17:15	207	5929	Western Av & Hollywood Bl	Victim arrived at bus stop and dropped off passengers. As victim closed the door, suspect attempted to exit bus and a verbal argument ensued. Victim reopened the door and stated to suspect "be ready next time." Suspect turned around, faced victim and swung a pool cue in victim's direction, nearly hitting victim. Suspect exited bus and fled location.	Yes	Became upset	Object	No
2/27/2024	1:23	660	1995	Pasadena	Sus MH punched bus op in face when told to exit	Yes	Told to exit	Hands (punch, slap)	No
2/29/2024	N/A	N/A	N/A	Pending	Information for this bus operator assault is pending.	N/A	Pending	Hands (punch, slap)	Pending