



**Bus/Rail Operator Assaults  
March 2024**

**SYSTEM SECURITY & LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**Attachment E**

Date	Time	Line	Bus	Intersection/City	Narrative	Barrier	Reason	Method	Transported to Hospital?
3/2/2024	14:32	207	8713	Vernon Av & Western Av	ADW On 03/02/2024 @ 1432 HRS, suspect stepped onto the bus and threw a beer bottle at victim. Suspect exited and fled. On 03/04/24 victim observed suspect several times at the intersection of Vernon Ave and Western Ave. Determined to apprehend suspect, victim completed her shift and returned to the location. Victim called PD and upon their arrival, provided officers a copy of the LAPD investigative report. Victim identified suspect and suspect was detained pending an assault investigation. INJURIES: Victim was Too Nervous To Continue (TNTC). Arrest.	Yes	No reason	Bottle	No
3/4/2024	19:40	152	1999	Haskell Av & Sherman Way	BATTERY Suspects 1 – 3 entered bus and were observed drinking and play fighting. Victim directed suspects to exit due to their continual disturbance. Suspects exited bus from the rear approached the front bus entrance and reentered. Suspects 1 – 3 threw gang signs towards victim. Upon reentering, suspects 1 - 3 began assaulting victim. Suspects exited bus and fled location. INJURIES: Bruising to forehead, cuts on right finger and pain to both hands. Victim was transported to Valley Presbyterian Hospital. No arrest.	Yes	No reason	Hands (punch, slap)	Yes
3/4/2024	16:54	210	1689	67th St & Crenshaw Bl	BATTERY Suspect yelled out, "this is my stop, stop the bus!" Victim advised he would pull over at the next stop. Suspect began to yell and curse at victim. Suspect walked up to the driver's partition and confronted victim. Fearful, victim pulled bus over to allow suspect to exit. Prior to exiting, suspect spat around barrier causing spit to enter victim's eyes. Suspect exited bus retrieved his bicycle from the bike rack and rode away. INJURIES: Spit contact on victim's eyes. Treated by LAFD. Transported by MTA Supervisor to company doctor. No arrest.	Yes	Demanded stop	Spit	Yes
3/8/2024	14:35	40	1965	Hawthorne & El Segundo	Sus MH/27yrs arrested for spitting on bus op over drinking on bus. Arrest.	Yes	Intoxicated	Spit	No
3/12/2024	20:00	234	1561	Ventura Bl & Sepulveda Bl	BATTERY Victim returned to the bus after a restroom break. As victim approached bus, victim advised patrons bus was out of service. Suspect approached victim and asked for a ride. Victim again advised bus was out of service. Suspect began yelling at victim (speaking Spanish) and called victim a racist in English. Suspect then punched victim's face three times. Victim attempted to defend himself and suspect fled location. Per victim's statement, suspect appeared to be under the influence of alcohol. INJURIES: Victim suffered redness and swelling to his cheeks. Victim was transported to Sherman Oaks Hospital. No arrest.	N/A	Intoxicated	Hands (punch, slap)	Yes
3/17/2024	22:00	602	4149	Veteran Federal Building	Sus transient MB/45yrs arrested for assaulting patron and pepper spraying bus op. Op transported to hospital. No arrest.	Yes	No reason	Pepper spray	Yes
3/20/2024	10:10	152	1663	Roscoe Bl & Reseda Bl	BATTERY Suspect entered bus and sat in the rear. Victim observed suspect throw bottles and trash out the window. Victim stopped bus and notified his supervisor. Suspect became angry and approached victim with a lighter. Fearful, victim opened bus doors to allow patrons to exit bus. An unknown patron pushed suspect out the bus. Suspect re-boarded bus and punched victim's face with two closed fists. Victim defended himself by kicking and pushing suspect off the bus. Suspect fled location but was observed by LAPD officers and eventually apprehended by a South Traffic Division motor cop. A "Use of Force" occurred and suspect was taken into custody. NOTE: During transport, suspect kicked the police vehicle windows causing it to pop out of the frame. Suspect also caused interior damage. INJURIES: Pain and injuries to face and head. Private persons arrest.	N/A	Told to exit	Hands (punch, slap)	No
3/20/2024	23:11	2	8517	7th St & Spring St	KIDNAPPING Suspect boarded bus at 7th St. & Spring St. Victim stated only suspect and victim were on the bus. Suspect approached victim and stated, "keep driving straight." Victim observed suspect with his hands in a bag, simulating he had a gun. Fearful, victim complied. Several minutes later, suspect stated to victim, "I'm going to kill you." Suspect then grabbed the bus steering wheel and attempt to take control of the bus. Victim also grabbed the steering wheel and a struggle ensued causing the bus to collide with a parked vehicle on the southwest corner of Olympic and Georgia. As the struggle continued, the bus collided with a second parked vehicle. The bus then collided into the wall of the Marriott Hotel. Suspect exited the bus and dropped his gun outside on the ground (just in front of the bus door). Suspect fled location. LAPD officers canvassed the area and located the suspect. Suspect was taken into custody. It was determined suspect was in possession of a BB gun with a detachable magazine. Upon taking suspect into custody, it was discovered suspect had victim's watch in his custody. The watch was returned to victim. Also, it was determined there was an occupant sleeping in one of the parked vehicles that the bus collided. The occupant sustained injuries. INJURIES: Victim was transported and treated at Good Samaritan Hospital for pain. Arrest.*	Yes	No reason	Gun	Yes
3/24/2024	13:20	33	8626	Venice Bl & Abbott Kinney	ADW Suspect entered bus through the rear door and did not pay fare. Victim continued her route until she was advised by a patron that suspect had a gun in his hand and was "cocking" it. Victim made an emergency notification to dispatch. Victim stopped the bus and instructed all patrons to exit. Suspect walked to the front of the bus, drinking a Modelo beer and asked victim in Spanish, "Why is the bus stopped?" Suspect then reached around the partition and pointed a black handgun at victim's head. Suspect continued to speak in Spanish and stated he was from Guatemala. Suspect exited, victim continued to operate bus to a safe location, parked bus and waited for PD arrival. Officers located suspect and took suspect into custody. Officers discovered the previously thought black handgun was a BB gun which suspect had thrown 2 - feet from where he sat (outside the bus). NO INJURIES. Arrest.	Yes	Told to exit	BB gun	No
3/25/2024	17:10	110	5986	Centinela & Eucalyptus	Sus FB/20s spit on bus op when asked to exit through front door. No arrest.	Yes	Told to exit	Spit	No
3/27/2024	23:15	207	8710	Franklin Av & Western Av	BATTERY Victim completed the bus route run. Victim advised suspect it was the end of the line and she needed to exit bus. Suspect refused to exit, became irate and a verbal altercation ensued. Suspect spat on victim and attempted to assault victim. Suspect then exited bus and fled location. INJURIES: Victim refused RA response but requested to see the company doctor. No arrest.	Unkn	Told to exit	Spit	No

\*Please note that this incident was charged as a kidnapping and not as an assault on a bus operator.