

Arrest Made in Attack on Protester on Sunday

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MEDIA RELEASE:

On Sunday, August 30, 2020 at approximately 12:00 p.m., Michael Plough, 41, a resident of South Pasadena called the police department to complain about a lone protester in the 1100 block of El Centro Street disturbing the peace by playing loud music. Less than four minutes later, Plough and his wife, Jane Mi, 42, (who was holding their juvenile child at the time), confronted the protester. According to the victim, Mi attempted to steal the protester's laptop from him. Plough then attacked the protester, believing the protester hit their child.

Several witnesses called the police department and provided video showing that the protester did not fight back, and that Plough and Mi were the dominant aggressors in the incident. Plough was taken into custody for battery and later booked at the Alhambra Police Department, and later released on a citation with a future court date. Mi was released at the scene due to a lack of an alternate caregiver for their child. The case will be referred to the Alhambra Office of the District Attorney for consideration of charges against Mi of attempt grand theft person and vandalism.

The protester that sustained minor injuries from the altercation and was treated by paramedics at the scene but declined transportation to a medical facility. The protester was adamant that he was part of his own protest and was not part of the "Vanessa Marquez 2nd Anniversary & Community March" occurring concurrently in a different area of the city.

Anyone with further information or video is encouraged to contact the South Pasadena Police Department at 626-403-7270.

Video captured by bystander:

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