

CAMPUS ADVISORY

On 10/1/14, James Lemus (pictured) was taken into custody for making threats against El Camino College employees and students.

Suspect description: male, adult Hispanic, black hair, brown eyes, 5'7", 145 lbs.

If seen, dial 9-1-1 from a landline phone, 310-660-3100 from a cell phone, or use a campus "Code Blue" emergency phone.

At this time he remains in police custody.



A preliminary hearing was held for Mr. Lemus on November 4 in Torrance Court. The court found that sufficient evidence exists to formally charge Mr. Lemus with violating Penal Code section 422, subdivision (a) for his threats. The court set a November 19, 2014 arraignment date, where Mr. Lemus will enter a formal plea.

Mr. Lemus is still in custody at the Los Angeles County Jail, and his bail remains at \$1.2 million. LA County Jail will notify the ECC Police Department prior to Mr. Lemus being released from custody. We will continue to provide updates as we receive any new information.

Please be advised of the following practice Campus Police utilizes regarding any incident when a suspect who has made threats of violence toward the campus community is released from custody:

- 1. Alert campus community via various means as soon as possible, including providing the individual's name and photo.
- 2. Use all available resources to protect the campus.
- 3. Proactively continue to monitor the suspect's actions, such as social media.

What students and employees should do if you see the suspect:

- 1. Call Campus Police immediately. This allows for Campus Police to verify the sighting, and respond accordingly. Notifications may include a Campus Advisory via Nixle, email and other available means. If deemed necessary, Campus Police will advise you to shelter in place, lock down, or provide police escorted evacuation options.
- 2. Campus Police will keep students and employees informed throughout the process based upon available information.
- 3. If you see something, say something. By working together we all contribute to the safety of our college campus.
- 4. Sign up to receive Nixle alerts from ECC Campus Police: http://www.elcamino.edu/police/
- 5. In an emergency, contact Campus Police by calling 911 from a landline phone; 310-660-3100 from a cell phone; or use a campus "Code Blue" emergency phone.

