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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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SUBJECT: CAPTURE OF GATEWAY SEXUAL ASSAILANT

Yesterday afternoon about 3:50 p.m., another sexual assault occurred on P4 parking structure at Gateway. The victim was again not an MTA employee, but a 19-year old city college student. After the assault, the victim was escorted out of the Gateway complex by the assailant. As they were standing on the corner of Cesar Chavez and Vignes, the victim saw a Sheriff's unit pull up. The victim jumped into the back seat and pointed out the assailant to the Sheriff's Deputies. The suspect was immediately taken into custody.

The description of the assailant matches those given in the previous incidents at Gateway. He also matches the description provided in sexual assaults that have occurred recently in LAPD Central Division (away from MTA property).

LASD Crime Lab responded immediately to investigate the scene of the incident yesterday. Evidence will be matched with those from previous incidents. LASD Detectives are also working cooperatively in the investigation with LAPD. Yesterday, the suspect was identified in a line-up by a previous victim. He will be questioned this afternoon by both LASD and LAPD.

We will update you on the status of this investigation as further information becomes available. If you have any questions, please give me a call at (213) 922-6888 or Capt. Dan Finkelstein at (213) 922-3560.

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