

May 27, 2025

TO: Campus Community

FR: Nader Oweis, Chief of Police

RE: UPDATE: Arrest made in Sexual Battery investigation (243.4 PC, Case SS24-080, SS25-083, and SS25-094)

REPORTED CRIME: Since May 2024, the Sonoma State University Police Department has received reports of an individual who approached at least three victims and subsequently sexually battered each of them. After a thorough investigation, officers identified Gregg David Nathan, age 50, of Santa Rosa as the suspect.

Nathan approached each victim, either on foot or on a scooter, and gained their attention by commenting about their shoes or feet. He claimed he was either a Sonoma State University student studying “kinesiology” or a Santa Rosa Junior College student studying “massage therapy,” seeking to massage their feet for “volunteer” hours. Nathan has no known affiliation with either institution.

On May 18, 2025, officers obtained an arrest warrant for Nathan on two counts of sexual battery (243.4 PC – misdemeanor) with bail set at \$40,000. Nathan was arrested this afternoon and booked into the Sonoma County Jail by the Santa Rosa Police Department.

If you know something: Anyone with information that might assist with this investigation is urged to call the Sonoma State University Police Department at [707-664-4444](tel:707-664-4444).

The Sonoma State University Police Department reminds the campus community of the following safety tips:

- Immediately and promptly report any suspected crime, suspicious persons, or activities on campus to University Police by calling 911 or the non-emergency line at [707-664-4444](tel:707-664-4444).
- If you believe that you or someone else is in an unsafe situation, please do not delay calling 911 or seeking assistance from others.
- Be alert to your surroundings. Your actions as an active bystander can help prevent crimes from occurring within our campus community.

You are not at fault for any harm done to you. The above safety tips are not intended to imply otherwise.

SUPPORT RESOURCES: [Counseling and Psychological Services \(CAPS\)](#) is available for any student seeking support at [707-664-2153](tel:707-664-2153). Our [Employee Assistance Program](#), LifeMatters by Empathia, is available for any staff and faculty seeking support. A [Confidential Advocate](#) is also available at [707-664-2698](tel:707-664-2698). Another resource is the [Office for the Prevention of Harassment and Discrimination \(OPHD\)](#) which can provide supportive measures and receive complaints related to sexual misconduct, harassment, and discrimination on behalf of the university. OPHD can be reached at [707-664-4140](tel:707-664-4140).