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## Ventura Juveniles Charged After Assault on Homeless Woman

VENTURA, Calif. – The Ventura County District Attorney's Office announced today that two juveniles have been charged for the assault on a homeless woman in Ventura. The suspects, 13 and 14 years old, are each charged in juvenile court with assault with force likely to produce great bodily injury, conspiracy to commit a crime, and elder or dependent adult abuse.

On June 14, 2024, a group of four minors riding electric bikes under the Highway 33 underpass at Main Street in Ventura approached an elderly female as she was lying on the sidewalk in a sleeping bag. Two of the minors are accused of kicking the 66-year-old victim multiple times in the head and upper torso. A witness, recording the incident on video, yelled at the group to stop and they rode away on their bikes.

The juveniles charged are the two minors seen on video allegedly kicking the woman. Their cases have been referred to the Ventura County Probation Agency for a sentencing recommendation. The investigation remains ongoing and additional charges are possible.

The next hearing is scheduled for July 10, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. in courtroom J3 at the Ventura County Juvenile Courthouse. Both minors remain detained at the Juvenile Facilities, in Oxnard.

### Charges:

- PC 245(a)(4) – Assault with force likely to produce great bodily injury
- PC 182(a)(1) – Conspiracy to commit a crime
- PC 368(b)(1) – Elder or dependent adult abuse