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Los Angeles Airport Police Officer Arrests Suspected Rapist *Swift action taken by Officer is example of why LAX is considered one of the "safest places in Los Angeles".*

LOS ANGELES – The Los Angeles Airport Peace Officers' Association (LAAPOA) would like to commend Los Angeles Airport Police Officer Nicholas Fasheh, a seven-year veteran of the Force, for his quick action that resulted in the arrest of a suspected rapist on July 7, 2011.

Around 11:00 pm on Thursday, while patrolling the perimeters of the Los Angeles International Airport, Officer Fasheh was flagged down and alerted of a possible rape in progress near the Renaissance Hotel at 98th and Airport Blvd. When Officer Fasheh approached the situation he caught a male suspect raping an unconscious female.

"On behalf of his fellow Los Angeles Airport Police officers I'd like to recognize and commend Officer Fasheh for his swift response to preventing the suspect getting away with a horrific crime," said Marshall McClain, president of LAAPOA.

The suspect was taken into custody and booked for rape at the LAPD Pacific Division while the victim transported to a nearby Santa Monica hospital. A full investigation is underway.

"It's the proactive measures taken by the Airport Police and our response to situations like this that make LAX one of the safest places in Los Angeles," said McClain.

According to the most recent crime statistics released by the City of Los Angeles LAX has achieved historically low crime rates that are nearly non-existent.

The Los Angeles Airport Peace Officers Association (LAAPOA) represents the more than 425 sworn police officers and firefighters of the Los Angeles Airport Police Department assigned to protect and serve Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), LA/Ontario International Airport (ONT) and Van Nuys Airport (VNY).

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