

Press Release

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Subject: 95 Year-old Man attacked by Bees in Redondo Beach

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Today at 2:50 p.m. a 95 year-old Redondo Beach man was stung hundreds of times while walking from his home in Redondo Beach. The man was walking in the 1700 Block of Ruxton Ln. when the bees attacked and stung him. It is believed that the bees were agitated by a fumigator that was in the process of trying to exterminate the hive, located in a second story apartment roof. The fumigator fled to avoid being stung and the man just happened to be in the area when the bees attacked.

The Redondo Beach Fire Dept. responded to assist the man and they too were attacked by the bees. However, no fire fighter was stung. The man was rushed to Little Company of Mary Hospital, in Torrance, where he is in stable condition. The Los Angeles Vector Control responded and set up warning signs and cordoned off the area. A private exterminator will respond later this evening and remove the hive. It is probable, but still unknown at the time of this press release if the bees were Africanized Bees.

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