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Suspect sought for two attempted sexual assaults in UCR area

Riverside, CA -- Riverside Police Department Investigators are looking to identify a suspect in two separate attempted sexual assaults that occurred near the campus of the University of California at Riverside. On May 27, 2009 at about 9:30 PM, a female was attacked by an assailant that knocked her to the ground and attempted to sexually assault her. That suspect fled when a witness came to the victim's aid. On June 1, 2009 about 11:00 PM, a female was approached from behind by an assailant that knocked her to the ground and attempted to sexually assault her. The suspect fled on foot.

Both female victims were alone at the time of attack and the suspect is believed to have been hiding in shrubbery and the cloak of darkness and or shadows due to the time of night. On both occasions, police responded and searched for the suspect but were unable to locate him. During the first incident, the suspect fled through the UCR campus, driving a possible newer model dark gray or charcoal colored Acura or foreign made vehicle.

The suspect is described as a White male adult, in his late 30's to early 50's, 5'8", heavy set, shaved head with slight balding pattern, light colored graying goatee and was last seen wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt.

Witness information has led to the attached composite drawing that police are looking to identify. If anyone sees a person matching this description, they are encouraged to call 9-1-1 and refer to this sexual assault case in the area of UCR. Women are reminded to use the "Buddy System", remain vigilant and walk with others whenever possible, especially in areas with limited or obstructed lighting.

Riverside Police are working collaboratively with UCR Police in effort to locate this suspect. If you have any information related to these cases, you are urged to call Detective Linda Arnold at (951)353-7100.



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