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Downtown Area Sexual Assault Suspect Sought

Riverside, CA -- On Wednesday night / Thursday morning, April 30, 2009, a sexual assault occurred around the exterior perimeter of the Downtown Library on Mission Inn Boulevard. A woman who had been sleeping on the grounds of the library was awakened by an adult black male who briefly befriended her and then sexually assaulted her. The suspect then fled from the area on foot. He is described as being 30 years old, 6' tall, 170 lbs, with a teardrop tattoo under his right eye and was wearing a white hooded sweatshirt, black shirt w/white skeleton emblem, and dark colored pants with white or silver trim.

Earlier this month police detectives began investigating a sexual assault that occurred at a residence also in the Downtown area. The suspect in that case is described as an adult black male, in his twenties, 6' tall, 160 lbs, wearing a diamond studded earring, blue "parka" type hooded jacket with gray fur lining, dark colored pants and a black hat. At the time of the first incident, police believed it to be an isolated crime with no link to any other incident. Detectives now believe both these cases may possibly be related to the same suspect due to the suspect's physical descriptions and similar modus operandi.

Investigators are asking that if you see a person in the downtown vicinity that matches this description, to avoid personal contact and call "9-1-1". Also do not allow the person to engage you into a conversation.

Anyone with information related to these cases is asked to contact Detective Linda Arnold at (951)353-7119.

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