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Unknown Suspect Wanted for Sexual Assault Up to \$1,000 Reward Offered

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San Diego County Crime Stoppers and investigators from the San Diego Police Department's Sex Crimes Unit are asking for assistance from the public to help identify and locate an unknown suspect wanted for a sexual assault that occurred in the Mira Mesa area.

On November 30, 2017, at 6:30 a.m., a 14-year-old female was walking alone from her house to Mira Mesa High School. A male suspect approached the female and engaged her in conversation as she walked westbound on the 8800 block of Flanders Drive. The suspect sexually assaulted the female and then ran northbound through a residential complex.

Investigators are reviewing other recent cases in the area to see if they are related.

Suspect's Description:

The suspect is described as a Hispanic male with a dark complexion, 35 to 40-years-old, 5'6" to 5'7" tall, normal build, with short dark colored hair. The suspect spoke with a Spanish accent.

This case is similar to a Crime Stoppers media release dated 10/17/17 titled "Mira Mesa Sexual Battery Suspect." In that case, a composite sketch of the suspect was provided. Investigators are asking for the public to look at that composite sketch as that suspect may be related to this case.

Anyone with information on the identity and/or location of the suspect should call SDPD's Sex Crimes Unit at (619) 531-2210 or the Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (888) 580-8477. Crime Stoppers is offering up to a \$1,000 reward to anyone with information that leads to an arrest in this case. Anonymous email and mobile app messages can be sent in via www.sdcrimestoppers.org.

- Media inquiries about this case can be directed to Acting Lieutenant Tu Nguyen at (619) 531-2686 or email at <u>ttnguyen@pd.sandiego.gov</u>.
- Media inquiries about Crime Stoppers can be directed to either Officer Mark Herring at (619) 531-1500 or email at <u>msherring@pd.sandiego.gov</u> or Deputy Adriana Uribe at (619) 531-1547 or email at <u>adriana.uribe@sdsheriff.org</u>.