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POLICE ARREST SEXUAL ASSAULT SUSPECT IN EAST VILLAGE

San Diego—On November 5, at about 2330 hours, the victim, a 26-year old female, was walking alone along 400 13th Street. The victim was walking to her parked vehicle. An unknown suspect grabbed the victim from behind, pulled her into the bushes and sexually assaulted her. When the suspect stopped his assault, he fled running westbound on 1200 Island Avenue. Detectives are currently searching for additional witnesses and evidence.

On November 6, 2018 the San Diego Police Department's Sex Crimes Unit released a composite sketch of the alleged sexual assault suspect.

Through several tips and leads, investigators were able to identify the suspect in this case as **Gary Ryan Cushinberry (DOB:07/17/1967)**.

On November 16, 2018, at approximately 0643 hours Cushinberry was located by a San Diego Police Department Central Division Patrol Officer in the 200 block of 17th Street. Cushinberry was taken into custody and booked into San Diego County Central Jail without incident for several sexual assault charges.

The investigation is still active at this time. We ask that anyone with information regarding this case please call the SDPD's Sex Crimes Unit at (619) 531-2210 or the Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (888) 580-8477.

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