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POLICE INVESTIGATE SEXUAL ASSAULT IN CITY HIEGHTS

(San Diego) San Diego Police Department detectives from the Sex Crimes Unit are investigating a sexual assault that occurred in the 3500 Block of Van Dyke Avenue.

On January 19, 2019, at about 1830 hours, the victim entered the east alley of 3500 Van Dyke Avenue in order to throw away trash. The victim placed the trash in the trash dumpster on the south end of a parking lot. The victim was grabbed from behind. The suspect used one hand to grab the victim around the neck and throat. With his other hand the suspect held a knife to the right side of the victim's face. The suspect forced the victim to walk a short distance and sexually assaulted her. The suspect left running southbound through the alley.

The suspect is described as being a black male, 25-35 years old and about 6-0 in height with an average build. The suspect had long dreadlocks which came down to his chest. The suspect was well groomed, had a goatee and possibly had an earring in his left ear. The suspect was wearing a black sweatshirt with a pair of sunglasses hanging from the sweatshirt collar, black pants and black shoes. The victim stated the suspect smelled of cigarette smoke and had a very deep voice.

Please see the composite sketch on the next page.

The San Diego Police Department would like to remind the public to be conscious of your surroundings with a plan in place to call 911 if you need help.

Anyone with information on the identity or location of the suspect is asked to 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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