



# **COUNCILMEMBER SHERRI LIGHTNER**

*CITY OF SAN DIEGO – COUNCIL DISTRICT 1*

## **News Release**

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### **Councilmember Lightner Alerts University City Community to Series of Sexual Battery Incidents**

SAN DIEGO - Councilmember Sherri Lightner warned the University City community to be vigilant due to a series of sexual battery incidents that have taken place in their neighborhood during the past several months.

“I want to remind everyone to stay alert, not to walk alone and to call 9-1-1 immediately if you see anything suspicious,” Councilmember Lightner said.

The San Diego Police Department and UCSD Police announced on Tuesday that they believe thirteen incidents over the past six months are related. During the attacks, a male suspect has groped or exposed himself to women. The attacks have taken place in well-lit areas near Regents Road & Arriba Street, as well as on the UCSD campus. SDPD has described the suspect as a Hispanic or Middle Eastern male, 20-25 years of age, 5'4" to 5'10" thin build, clean shaven, short, dark hair with a medium to dark complexion. The suspect has been seen wearing a hooded sweatshirt and dark colored pants.

“Police presence in the area has been stepped-up and we have been working closely with San Diego and UCSD Police to catch this predator,” Councilmember Lightner said.

SDPD safety recommendations include:

- Walk and exercise in groups; whenever possible
- Pay attention to your surroundings

For additional safety tips, please see the SDPD Press Release from April 14, 2009. If you have any information please contact the San Diego Police Department Northern Division at (858) 552-1700 or Crime Stoppers anonymous, toll-free tip line at (888) 580-8477.

Sherri Lightner is the Councilmember for Council District One of the City of San Diego, which includes the communities of Carmel Valley, Del Mar Mesa, La Jolla, Pacific Highlands Ranch, Rancho Penasquitos, Torrey Hills, Torrey Highlands, Torrey Pines, and University City. She took office December 8, 2008.

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