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SDPD Investigates Second Sexual Assault in the College Area

A second San Diego State University student has come forward to report that they were sexually assaulted after ordering a ride-share vehicle. On Saturday, August 19th between midnight and 2:00 a.m., a 19-year-old San Diego State University student was sexually assaulted by a stranger in the College Area. The initial report was made to the San Diego State University Police Department (SDSU PD) on August 28th. SDSU PD notified the San Diego PD because the sexual assault occurred off-campus. The SDPD Sex Crimes Unit immediately began investigating the assault. SDPD is investigating a similar incident that occurred on August 27th also in the College Area.

In the August 19th incident, detectives learned that the victim and a friend were in the 5000 block of Rockford Drive. The victim ordered a ride-share vehicle. A vehicle arrived driven by a man that they believed was their ride-share driver, and they got in the car. The man drove off and sexually assaulted the victim inside the car before dropping the pair off several blocks away. The assault was witnessed by the victim's friend. Sex Crimes Unit detectives are in the process of locating witnesses, gathering evidence, and searching for video footage.

The suspect is described as a man in his mid-20's, possibly of Hispanic descent, with a heavy accent that was difficult to understand, a medium-toned complexion, 5'8" tall, with a medium build, and "poofy" hair (possibly curly or grown-out buzzcut). He was wearing a dark-colored T-shirt with lighter-colored letters on the front and baggy-colored basketball shorts. The vehicle is a dark-colored sedan. The exact color, make, and model of the vehicle are under investigation. While no definitive link has been made between these two cases, there are similar circumstances surrounding the two cases.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to call the SCU at (619) 531-2210 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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