



County of Santa Cruz

Sheriff-Coroner

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Information Release October 18, 2018

Sexual Assault at Jose Avenue Park, Santa Cruz Case Number 18-8918

On October 17th at about 10:40 am a woman in her early twenties was jogging through Jose Avenue Park when she stopped to use the restroom. A man entered the restroom and pushed the victim into a stall and sexually assaulted her. When the suspect left, the woman called the Sheriff's Office to report the crime. Following a voluntary evidentiary examination, the victim worked with a forensic sketch artist to create a depiction of the suspect.

Suspect Description:

White male adult

Late 20s to 30s

6 feet tall and thin

Dirty blonde hair and scraggly beard

Barefoot

Wearing a ragged black "Santa Cruz" hooded sweatshirt with rips, ripped and dirty blue jeans, black backpack with red trim on straps and partially covered in tape, mylar or reflective material. "Homeless" appearance. May be on bicycle.

See Sketch

Sheriff's deputies are conducting increased patrols in and around Jose Avenue Park and detectives are working case leads. The Sheriff's Office Community Contact Team will be contacting nearby residents to alert them of the crime and County Parks officials have been notified.

If you see this person call 911. If you know someone resembling the person depicted in this sketch, call Sergeant Chris Shearer at 831.454.7645 or email

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Craig Wilson, Undersheriff

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SUSPECT SKETCH

