



**SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT**

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**DATE/TIME:** January 15, 2013

**LOCATION:** Public Parking Lot Cedar and Church Streets

**TOPIC:** Sexual Battery/Groping

**CASE NUMBER:** 13S-00488

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**INFORMATION:**

On January 15, 2013 at approximately 4:30 PM the suspect depicted in this sketch groped a female in a public parking lot at Cedar and Church Street. The victim is a 23 year old female from Santa Cruz. The victim was leaning into her car to retrieve items when she felt the suspect reach under her skirt and grab her buttocks. The victim turned around to find the suspect was standing behind her.

When the victim confronted the suspect, he responded with inappropriate comments. Based on the suspect's demeanor, the victim believed him to be intoxicated. That demeanor included slurred speech and unsteady balance.

A second male approached and apologized for the suspect's behavior while pushing him into the passenger seat of the car parked next to the victim. The victim described this car as a silver 1990's model Toyota 4 Runner. The victim ran to a nearby business to get help and call the police. When she returned, the suspect and associated vehicle were gone.

The victim has worked with detectives to produce this sketch and provide a description. She has also worked with detectives following up on potential leads. The victim was not physically injured during the attack.

In addition to the attached sketch, the suspect is described as:

- white male approximately 25-30 years old
- approximately 5'8" to 5'9" tall
- approximately 165-170 pounds
- short dark hair, dark eyes, stubbly facial hair
- wearing a blue t-shirt and khaki pants.

This case does not appear to be related to the groping case that occurred on January 11, 2013.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Santa Cruz Police Department Investigations Unit at (831) 420-5820. Witnesses may also leave anonymous tips at the tip line number below and our iPhone and Android apps.

For additional information, contact: Deputy Chief Steve Clark

Phone: (831) 420-5815

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- 25-30 yrs
- 5'9"
- 165-170 lbs
- "athletic" build
- Dk Hair
- Dk eyes
- light complexion
- slightly unshaven
- No blemishes
- No noticeable tattoos
- piercings
- jewelry



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