



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE/TIME: May 3, 2013

LOCATION: (1) Escalona Dr. near Olive St. (2) Western Dr. near Echo St.

TOPIC: Grabbing/Groping

CASE NUMBER: 13S-04482 & 13S-03484

INFORMATION:

On April 29, 2013, two separate female runners were attacked by the suspect depicted in the attached sketches. The first attack occurred at approximately 7:30 PM on Escalona Drive near Olive Street. Approximately 30 minutes later a second attack occurred on Western Drive near Echo Street.

In both attacks the victims passed the suspect who was going in the opposite direction. The suspect turned around and came back at the victims. The suspect grabbed and/or slapped the victims on their buttocks as he passed by. The suspect would then continue to run from the victims. Neither victim sustained injuries from the attack.

In follow up, we learned that the victim in the second attack actually returned to the general area with her boyfriend. They found the suspect still in the neighborhood. The victim and her boyfriend confronted the suspect. When cornered, the suspect apologized and fled.

We worked with both victims and the boyfriend witness to produce the two attached sketches. The suspect is described as

Hispanic Male - Late teens or Early 20's
Approx 5'06" to 5'07"
Slender/ small frame
No facial hair, no blemishes
Dark Hair

There have been no other incidents of this type in close proximity by either location or time sequence. We believe the suspect to be the same person in both attacks.

Anyone who recognizes the suspect, or has additional information to report, is encouraged to contact the Santa Cruz Police Department Investigations Unit at (831) 420-5820. Images and information will also be posted on the Santa Cruz Police Department blog at <http://santacruzpolice.blogspot.com/> or our Facebook at www.facebook.com/santacruzpolice

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For additional information, contact: Deputy Chief Steve Clark

Phone: (831) 420-5815

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