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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Date: Monday, November 19, 2007**  
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### **Possible attempted kidnapping along river trail**

Riverside, CA -- Police are seeking the public's help after a Riverside woman was accosted while jogging along the Santa Ana River Trail early Monday morning.

The woman was jogging northbound on the recreational trail in the vicinity of Carlson Park, west of Mount Rubidoux, about 8:15 this morning when she passed a male subject emerging from the brushy river bottom. The jogger soon heard footsteps behind her. The woman reported that the man passed her, turned and blocked her path. He wrapped his arm around her neck and covered her mouth before she was able to break free and confront the man. The assailant spoke briefly to the victim. He fled toward the city when additional joggers came down the path. One of the passing joggers called 911.

Riverside Police officers, a police helicopter and deputies from the Riverside County Sheriff's Department responded to the area to search the neighborhood and river bottom area for the suspect, without success.

The suspect is described as an Hispanic male, about 20 years old, clean-shaven, 5'9", approximately 150 pounds, light complexion, wavy dark brown hair, light brown eyes, speaks Spanish and broken English. He was last seen wearing a white sweatshirt and gray sweatpants. The incident is being investigated as an attempted kidnapping. There was no apparent weapon.

Anyone with information helpful to this investigation is urged to contact Riverside Police Detective Greg Rowe at (951) 353-7136.

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