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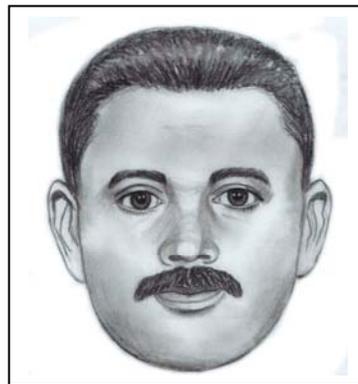
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Rape suspect sought

Riverside, CA -- Riverside Police are seeking a man who assaulted and raped a female jogger along a popular pedestrian path during daylight, Thursday evening.

The female jogger had been running with a male companion westbound along the Gage Canal between 6 and 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 10. The boyfriend raced on ahead and had disappeared from sight. As the woman continued running along the path, shortly after crossing Maude Street, she was attacked by an unknown male. The suspect pulled her off the path and into the bushes, where she was assaulted and raped. The victim's screams and the struggle caught the attention of two women walking their dogs on the path, interrupting the attack.

The suspect walked away toward Maude Street, got into an older dark-colored sedan, and drove away northbound on Maude. He is described as an Hispanic male, in his twenties, 5'4" to 5'6" tall, 160 pounds, broad-shouldered, with short black hair, and bushy black mustache. He was wearing dark clothing at the time and spoke with a slight accent.



artist sketch of rape suspect

Police are seeking the public's help in identifying and apprehending the rapist. Anyone with information helpful to this investigation is asked to call Riverside Police Detective Linda Arnold at (951) 353-7119.

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