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ATTEMPTED SEXUAL ASSAULT & ARMED ROBBERY INVESTIGATION

RIVERSIDE, CA – On Friday, December 23, 2016, at approximately 1:16 a.m., Riverside Police Officers responded to the 5700 Block of Sycamore Canyon Boulevard regarding an attempted sexual assault and armed robbery that just occurred. Officers arrived and located the adult female victim.

The preliminary investigation revealed the victim had stopped to fuel her vehicle at a gas station on University Avenue at the 215 Freeway. As she left the station, she observed a vehicle begin to follow her. She re-entered the southbound 215 freeway and exited the Central Avenue off ramp. As she began to slow for the signal light, the suspect vehicle intentionally struck the back of her vehicle causing the victim to pull to the side of the off ramp. The suspect exited his vehicle armed with a knife, attempted to sexually assault the victim and stole her property. The suspect was last seen driving away southbound on the 215 freeway.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic male adult approximately 30- 35 years of age, 5'7" – 5'8" tall with a skinny build, un-groomed facial hair and wearing a dark color hooded sweatshirt. The suspect vehicle is described as an older model, box style, dark



green smaller SUV. The passenger side rear window was broken and appeared to be covered with cardboard.

A composite sketch resembling the suspect and a picture of the suspect's vehicle are attached. The suspect's vehicle is the dark vehicle in the background with the covered window.

Detectives from the Sexual Assault/Child Abuse Unit along with Evidence Technicians from the Forensics Unit responded to the crime scene to assume the investigation.

The Riverside Police Department is asking for the public's help and anyone with information is urged to call Detective Karla Beler at (951) 353-7125.

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