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Attempted Sexual Assault on the Stevens Creek Trail

On November 29, 2009, at approximately 1:25 p.m., an attempted sexual assault occurred on the Stevens Creek Trail in Mountain View. The female victim was grabbed and dragged towards the bushes but was able to fight off the suspect.

At 1:30 p.m., officers responded to the Stevens Creek Trail near the Dana St. overcrossing. The victim, who had borrowed a cell phone to call 911 just after the assault occurred, reported that an unknown male had blocked her path while she was jogging. He picked her up in a bear hug and carried her towards the bushes along the creek.

The victim began scratching at the suspect's face and was able to fight him until he dropped her. The suspect fled southbound on his bike and was not located. The victim was not injured during the attack. It is possible the suspect received minor scratches on his face from the victim's efforts to fight him off.

The suspect was described as a Caucasian male adult with a dark complexion. He was about 35 years-old, medium height and overweight. He wore a red hooded sweatshirt and was riding a green mountain bike. He had dark, thinning hair and a full, dark goatee. A sketch of the suspect will be released this week.

There have been no other reports of similar crimes on the trail. Although serious crimes are very rare, all trail users are urged to report suspicious people and activity and to be aware of their surroundings at all times. The trail is closed after dark, at which time pedestrians and cyclists should use the city sidewalks and streets. Users of the trail should consider carrying a cell phone and have the MVRD's emergency 7-digit number pre-programmed into their phones (650/968-1661).

Anyone with information about this crime is encouraged to call the MVRD immediately at 650-903-6344. Callers may remain anonymous.

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