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Suspect Sought in Connection with Sexual Assault

On May 14, 2018 LVMPD patrol officers were dispatched to the area of South Maryland Parkway and East St. Louis Avenue to investigate an unknown trouble call. Callers had indicated they heard a woman screaming for help. Officers arrived in the area and couldn't initially find anyone related to the call, but were eventually able to locate an adult female near East Sahara Avenue and 6th Street. The woman indicated she had been sexually assaulted.

The investigation by detectives with the LVMPD Sex Crimes Section indicated the woman was in the 2000 block of South Las Vegas Boulevard and had contacted a ride-booking service. The woman's phone died, so she walked across the street near a fast food restaurant. A black Kia 4-door sedan pulled up next to her and the driver asked if she needed a ride.

The victim got into the car and when the driver failed to turn at the appropriate street, the woman told him he would have to make a U-turn. The suspect drove to the 1800 block of 9th Street, parked on the street and sexually assaulted the woman at gunpoint. The victim was eventually able to get out of the car, run away and yell for help.

The suspect was described as a Hispanic male between the ages of 45 to 50, had a heavy build, short hair and a beard and mustache. A composite sketch of the suspect accompanies this release, along with a photo of the Kia sedan the suspect was driving.

Anyone with any information about this incident is urged to contact the LVMPD Sex Crimes Section at 702-828-3421. To remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers by phone at 702-385-5555, or on the internet at www.crimestoppersofnv.com. Tips leading directly to an arrest or indictment processed through Crime Stoppers may be eligible for a cash reward.

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