

MEDIA RELEASE

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Community Alert <u>Police Ask For Community's Help To Identify Sexual Predator</u>

Tempe and Mesa Police want to alert our communities, and are asking for the public's assistance to identify and locate a sexual predator. This person is suspected in several sexual offenses to include the sexual assault of an elderly female in Tempe on October 18th, several Mesa indecent exposure incidents and a 2012 attempted sexual assault in Mesa.

On October 18, 2014 the suspect entered the Tempe residence of an elderly female, in the area of Southern and Rural, and he sexually assaulted her.

After the assault Tempe detectives began working with surrounding agencies to identify any similar cases. Results of the DNA samples collected from the Tempe sexual assault have been confirmed as matching the DNA of the suspect involved in the Mesa investigations.



In January 2012, Mesa Police investigated an attempted Sexual Assault in the area of Longmore and Southern in west Mesa. Since that time, several incidents in which witnesses described a similar suspect were reported in Mesa. The suspect exposed himself and masturbated in front of women in various apartment complexes in the same area, near Longmore and Southern. Between January 2012 and February 2014 Mesa Police have investigated multiple indecent exposure cases believed to be involving the same suspect.

Attached are two different composite sketches that were provided with the assistance of two victims from the Mesa incidents.

At this time the investigation is active and the suspect is unknown. Anyone with information is urged to contact your local law enforcement immediately or Silent Witness at 480-WITNESS, http://www.silentwitness.org/. Thank you.



