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## *Sexual Assault Suspect Sought*

**Encino:** Detectives from the Los Angeles Police Department's West Valley Division are seeking the public's help in identifying a suspect involved in a sexual assault along a local hiking trail

On November 21, 2022, around 12:00 p.m., a female victim was hiking along a local trail located at the 17000 block of Mulholland Drive. The suspect approached the victim from behind, forced her to a secluded area, and sexually assaulted her.

The suspect is described as a White or Hispanic male, 30 years of age, with a two-inch scar on his right forearm.

As a reminder, hike in pairs and tell someone where you are going. Carry a cell phone in case of an emergency and always be aware of your surroundings.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact Detective Joseph Hampton, West Valley Detective Division at [36817@lapd.online](mailto:36817@lapd.online) or 818-374-7717. During non-business hours, or on weekends, calls should be directed to 1-877-LAPD-24-7 (1-877-527-3247). Anyone wishing to remain anonymous should call the L.A. Regional Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (800-222-8477) or go directly to [www.lacrimestoppers.org](http://www.lacrimestoppers.org). Tipsters may also visit [www.lapdonline.org](http://www.lapdonline.org) and click on "Anonymous Web Tips" under the Get Involved-Crime Stoppers" menu to submit an online tip. Lastly, tipsters may also download the "P3 Tips" mobile application and select the L.A. Regional Crime Stoppers as their local program.

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