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SEXUAL ASSAULT / KIDNAPPING 1600 BLOCK OF NORTH SWAN ROAD

The Tucson Police Department is actively investigating a sexual assault and kidnapping that occurred yesterday evening in the 1600 block of North Swan Road.

On February 27, 2017, just after 8:30 p.m., the victim was working at a business in the area and had her 3-year-old son with her. As she was preparing to leave for the night, she placed the child into his car seat and buckled him in the backseat of their car. The victim then went back into the business to retrieve an item she had left behind. When she reentered the building, an unknown male followed her inside. The adult male suspect was wearing brass knuckles and threatened to harm the victim and her son if she didn't follow his directions. The suspect then grabbed the victim and forced her into an office where he sexually assaulted her. He then demanded the victim's car keys and forced her into the vehicle. As the suspect drove the victim and her child away from the business, they were stopped by a red light at East Grant Road and North Mountain Avenue. While the vehicle was stopped at the light, a Tucson Fire Department vehicle approached the intersection with its emergency lights on. The victim jumped out of the vehicle and flagged down Tucson Fire personnel. As the victim got out, the suspect fled westbound in the vehicle with the child still in the car. Tucson Fire immediately called police just after 9:00 p.m. and officers from Operations Division Midtown responded.

Detectives with the Tucson Police Adult Sexual Assault Unit and Sex Offender Registration and Tracking Unit (SORT) responded to continue the investigation. An Amber Alert was issued for the child along with a description of the vehicle. Officers began a city wide search and at approximately 1:00 a.m., an officer in Operations Division Midtown located the vehicle in the 4400 block of East Water Street. The child was found asleep in the backseat and was not injured. The suspect was not in the vehicle and has not been located.

The suspect is described as a Caucasian male, approximately 40-50 years of age, 6'0" tall, with a wide/strong build and acne scars on his face. He was last seen wearing a black jacket, black pants and a black knit cap.

A surveillance picture of the suspect is attached below. Anyone with information is asked to call 911 or 88-CRIME. You can remain anonymous.

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