Press Release

Today’s Date: 10/22/2015
Date & Time Occurred: 6/21/2014 1:50 a.m.
Submitted By: Sergeant Keith Hopper
Phone: (707) 449-5218
Case Number: 14-04660
Type of Crime/Incident: Sexual assault
Location: Bike path between Hume Way and Marshall Road
Suspects: Jeremy Michael Delaunay, 19, Vacaville resident

POLICE ARREST 19-YEAR-OLD SUSPECT IN SEXUAL ASSAULT CASE

Vacaville police have arrested a suspect in a violent sexual assault that took place along a bike path in late June 2014.

On June 21, 2014, at about 1:50 a.m. patrol officers responded to a report of a violent sexual assault that occurred on the bike path between Hume Way and Marshall Road.

The victim told officers a white male in his late teens or early twenties offered to give her a ride home from the downtown area. Once on the bike path, the suspect attacked the victim by punching her in the face, then shoving her to the ground. Once on the ground, the suspect forced the victim to remove her clothing and then sexually assaulted her. The suspect fled the area on foot after taking jewelry from the victim.

Detectives from the Vacaville Police Department’s Special Victims Unit began working the case immediately. Over the next several days, detectives worked with the victim in the hopes of identifying a suspect.

Detective Dayna Hardwick developed a list of approximately 30 men who matched the physical characteristics described by the victim. Detective Hardwick continued to analyze computerized data in the hopes of developing additional leads while waiting for laboratory results of forensic evidence submitted to the California Department of Justice.

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In October 2015, further information was developed which narrowed the focus of the investigation to Jeremy Delaunay, 19, of Vacaville.

Several detectives assigned to the police department’s Investigative Services Division worked diligently to obtain further evidence. During the second week of October, detectives obtained additional evidence, which was submitted to the California Department of Justice for analysis. The results of the analysis led to the issuance of search warrants regarding Delaunay.

On October 20 detectives from the Special Victims Unit and the Narcotics Enforcement Team served those search warrants. Delaunay was arrested on a variety of charges, including rape, sodomy by force or fear, oral copulation by force or fear, battery causing traumatic injury, and robbery.

The success of this investigation would not have been possible without a collaborative effort between the Vacaville Police Department, the California Department of Justice, and the Solano County District Attorney’s Office.

If anyone has additional information about this investigation, please contact Detective Hardwick at (707) 469-6618.

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