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Deputies Searching for Man who Kidnapped & Raped a Young Woman

On Wednesday at around 6:30 pm, a 21 year old woman was walking along McKinley Ave. in Fresno, near West Ave. A man in a pickup truck drove beside her and asked to speak to her through his passenger window. Once the woman got close to the truck, the suspect pointed a handgun at her and demanded she get in the vehicle. The woman got inside and the suspect drove her approximately four miles away to an orchard on Blythe Ave., just south of Belmont Ave. The suspect parked in the orchard and then sexually assaulted the woman while inside the pickup. The suspect then told the victim to get out of the vehicle and he drove away.

The woman walked a short distance north on Blythe Ave. to a packing shed. She found an employee at the facility, explained what had happened to her and the employee called the Sheriff's Office to make a report shortly before 7:00 pm.

Deputies arrived and contacted the victim. She was interviewed and then transported to the hospital for a medical evaluation. The victim does not know the suspect and has never met him before.

Members of the FSO Crime Scene Unit also responded to collect evidence.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic man, 25 – 28 years old, 5'5" tall with a heavy build. He is clean shaven with short dark hair and has a tattoo on his right forearm.

The suspect's vehicle is described as a newer model 4-door pickup, gold in color and it is possibly a Chevrolet.

Anyone with additional information on this case is asked to please contact the Sheriff's Office dispatch at (559) 600-3111 or Crime Stoppers at (559) 498-STOP (7867). All tips will remain anonymous and you may be eligible for a cash reward.