UCI Police Department is investigating an attempted sexual assault that occurred at 11:45 pm on March 23, 2016 near Camino Del Sol housing. The victim is affiliated with the campus.

The suspect, said to be unknown to the victim is described as male, approximately 5’10”, medium skin color, naked, carrying a black towel. No further description.

The suspect was last seen running towards the East Campus Parking Structure. The victim parked her vehicle in the East Campus Parking Structure and was walking down the walkway towards Camino Del Sol housing when the incident occurred. The suspect approached the victim from behind. The victim screamed for help and the suspect ran away.

Safety Tips:
-- If you think someone is at risk of assault or abuse, consider it an emergency and act to support that person. You can call the police or ask for help, intervene directly if safe, or create a distraction to help remove the potential victim from the situation.
-- If you start to feel concerns about a person or a situation, trust your feelings and try to remove yourself from the potential threat, even if it is someone whom you know.
-- If you feel you are being followed, cross the street, yell, run and look for a well-lit area or occupied building. Dial 9-1-1.
-- When going out alone, make sure that someone knows where you are going, who you will be with and when you expect to return.
-- The UCI Police Department Safety Escort program is available to anyone by calling (949) 824-SAFE (7233).

Resources:
-- The UCI CARE office provides confidential support and advocacy to students who have experienced sexual assault, relationship abuse and stalking http://www.care.uci.edu/. (949) 824-7273.
-- Additional information about UCI’s policies and support resources related to sexual assault, dating/domestic violence, and stalking can be found at http://sexualviolence.uci.edu/.
-- Information about the UCI Green Dot Bystander Intervention Program can be found at http://www.care.uci.edu/greendot/index.php.
-- Community Service Programs (CSP) is available to provide after hour’s advocacy, support and referral services. https://www.cspinc.org/. (949) 831-9110.

If you have information that could be helpful in this investigation, please contact the UCI Police Department at (949) 824-5223. In emergency situations or during crimes in progress, dial 9-1-1 or use an emergency phone available on campus.

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