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Press Release Reported Sexual Assault UPDATE

On June 25, 2015 at approximately 1209 it was reported that a female in her early 30's was running on the Rails to Trails just south of Scoville Road, when reportedly a male described as being a white male, approximately 5'6", with a goatee, wearing sunglasses, black shirt with a reflective vest over the shirt, and a baseball cap came up behind the female and dragged her off the path and sexually assaulted her.

UPDATE:

With the help of the media and the community, the detectives were provided information which lead to valuable leads and a potential suspect. On July 3, 2015, detectives obtained a DNA sample by means of a valid search and seizure warrant from suspect Luis Ortiz DOB 04/09/1986. The Connecticut Forensic Science Laboratory coordinated to get the results to detectives within hours of obtaining the sample. The sample was a match and an arrest warrant was applied for and issued for Ortiz for 53a-92 Kidnapping 1st and 53a-70(a)(1) Sexual Assault 1st with a court set bond of \$2 million dollars. On July 6, 2015 detectives were notified that Ortiz was in Chicoppee, MA custody and will be awaiting the extradition process.

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