

Suspect arrested in sexual assault case



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A 22-year-old Newmarket man has been arrested following a sexual assault on a teen in Aurora.

Police arrested the suspect in the early hours of Wednesday morning following the incident which took place on the morning of June 24 on trails just west of Town Hall.

?The arrest came as a result from tips from the community and investigators would like to thank the media and the public for their ongoing support and assistance in the investigation,? said York Regional Police Constable Laura Nicolle in a statement.

The name of the suspect will be released once the charges are laid in court, she added.

?The investigation is ongoing and investigators are still looking to speak with anyone with information, including the potential witness who was jogging on the trails and the young woman with blonde hair who was approached by the suspect after getting off [York Region Transit] bus #1088 on the date of the incident.?

On June 24, at 11.50 a.m. the YRP were called to John West Way, north of Wellington Street, for a report that a teenage girl was injured and had been sexually assaulted. Investigators have determined that the female victim was walking in the trails west of John West Way when she was approached by an unknown man, assaulted and sexually assaulted by a suspect who was armed with a handgun.

The victim made her way to Town Hall where police were called and she was subsequently taken to hospital and treated for her injuries.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the York Regional Police Special Victims Unit ? Sexual Assault Section at 1-866-876-5423 x7071, or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS, or leave an anonymous tip online at www.1800222TIPS.com.