Detectives from the San Diego County Sheriff's Department arrested Ryan Joseph Rasmussen, age 39, for the sexual assault that occurred the morning of March 29, 2020, in the Poway Community Park. Rasmussen grabbed the victim from behind, pulled her to the ground and attempted to sexually assault her. A witness heard the victim's screams and pulled Rasmussen off the victim. Rasmussen was able to flee the scene on a bicycle. He was arrested without incident today and will be booked into jail on the charge of 220 (a)(1) P.C. Assault with Intent to Commit Rape.

Information from previous release:
On 3/29/20, at about 1030 hours, an unknown man attempted to sexually assault a 34-year-old Poway woman while she was in the park at 12988 Bowron Rd. The woman screamed for help and a witness nearby intervened. The victim called 911. The suspect is described as a white male 35-40, approximately 5'11"-6'0", 230-240 pounds, short white hair that is balding, wearing a cream or gray colored t-shirt and gray or black sweatpants or shorts.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Sheriff's Sexual Assault Unit at (858) 285-6222/after hours at (858) 565-5200. You can also remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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