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## NEWS RELEASE

**Incident Date and Time:** July 17, 2021 0100 hours

**Location:** Private residence in San Carlos, CA

**Type of Crime/Incident:** **PC 220(b) – Aggravated Sexual Assault**  
**PC 261(A)(4) – Rape of an Unconscious Victim**  
**PC 460(a) – Residential Burglary**  
**PC 289(D) – Sexual Penetration of an Unconscious Victim.**

**Suspect:** **S1 - Fernando Altuna Mendoza – 35 years old**

**Summary:** On July 22, 2021 Sheriff's Office Deputies started an investigation involving a San Carlos resident who reported that she was a victim of sexual assault. During the early morning of July 17, 2021, the suspect entered the victim's residence, undressed, and stood over her while she was sleeping in her room. The victim awakened to observe the suspect completely naked. The suspect then sexually assaulted her before fleeing shortly after.

Detectives learned that the suspect, Fernando Altuna Mendoza, was an acquaintance of the victim, though they had not been in contact for some time.

On August 4, 2021, Sheriff's Office Detectives went to Mendoza's residence in Menlo Park and placed him under arrest. He was booked at the Maguire Correctional Facility without incident.

While this is believed to be an isolated incident, we highly encourage anyone who has any information about the suspect to please contact Detective Carryn Barker at 650-363-4050 or email [cbarker@smcgov.org](mailto:cbarker@smcgov.org).

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