

Sheriff seeks local rape suspect with New Jersey ties

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The McKinley County Sheriff's Office is looking for a man who reportedly raped a 15-year-old girl here several months ago.

The girl reported the sexual assault last December, and she said it occurred either in the late summer or fall.

She said she was walking in downtown Gallup one night when she accepted a ride home from

a man in a black car. Instead of taking her home, he took her to a local motel and raped her. She was unsure which motel it was and the date, so detectives could not ask for motel records.

The only description detectives have is that he is an African-American in his fifties. He said his name was Mike and that he lived in Gallup, but originally was from New Jersey.

Anyone with information is being asked to contact Merle Bates at the sheriff's office (505) 722-7205.